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Park open for all ages

Pupils cut ribbon to celebrate £320k redesign at Abbey Meadow

William Barton (Year 11 Kingfisher), Nelly Grindley (Year 7 Larkmead), Councillor Reg Waite, Leanne Beech (Year 8 John Mason) and Eve Barrett (Year 10 Fitzharrys) cut the ribbon to officially open the new play area

By Eva Astreinidou

SCHOOLCHILDREN who helped design a £320,000 play park got the chance to celebrate their efforts last week.

The Abbey Meadow play park in Abingdon opened to parents, children, and local politicians at a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday.

The play park has been a long-running renovation project that invited schoolchildren to get involved by offering tips for the park's design.

Pupils from Larkmead, Kingfisher, Fitzharrys and John Mason schools who took part in the project were there to mark the opening.

Councillor Charlotte Dickson, cabinet member for leisure at Vale of White Horse District Council said: "We've already seen thousands of people come down to Abbey Meadow to enjoy the new play equipment and this is incredibly rewarding for everyone who has been involved in the project."

The investment from Vale of White Horse has helped build an impressive Grand Abbey climbing area, an Abingdon Lock river scene, a sensory garden, an area for ball games, and traditional play equipment.

Council leader Matthew Barber said: "While other councils are reducing the amount they spend on leisure and recreation we are providing significant investment.

"The new site will really help to position Abbey Meadow as a must visit free location for families from across Oxfordshire and the wider area."

Vale chairman Cllr Reg Waite said: "The park will help encourage people of all ages to keep fit."

Emma Partington, from Abingdon, who was there with her twin sons and daughter, said: "We can't believe that our little Abingdon has got something like this now. To have something like this right on our doorstep is great.

"I already liked the park here but it was quite old – we did not expect something quite like this."

The play park has been designed by play equipment specialists Eibe.

The site is part of a wider £615,000 investment that will fund new toilets, changing rooms, and a new accessible pathway.

The Vale is also investing a further £1.3million to replace the outdoor pool.

The new pool is expected to open in time for summer 2018.

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Leaders present new idea for a combined authority

FOR: From left, SODC leader John Cotton, OCC leader Ian Hudspeth and Vale leader Matthew Barber

AGAINST: From left, West Oxfordshire leader James Mills, Cherwell leader Barry Wood and leader of Oxford City Bob Price

By George Welch

COUNTER proposals to merge Oxfordshire's six councils have been submitted to 'save time and money' and 'focus on issues facing residents'.

In a long-standing debate over the future of the county's local governance, its six authorities are split down the middle on how to effectively run council services.

Plans were submitted earlier this year by the county council with South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils to create a single authority – or a 'super council' – to save £400,000 a week.

Now, Oxford City, West Oxfordshire and Cherwell district councils have presented their idea for a combined authority to the new government to combat plans for the unitary system.

The three leaders - Bob Price, James Mills and Barry Wood - said it is time to focus on issues such as housing, transport and the economy, instead of restructuring local government.

The submission argues that a combined authority would avoid the cost and disruption created by the merger of six councils, including more elections and an administration overhaul.

The three council leaders said in a joint statement: "In light of the economic challenges the country faces and the issues facing our residents, we're more interested in discussing how we can work together with the other councils in Oxfordshire and our partners on the issues that local people care about – supporting the local economy, housing, transport and improving services – than council structures."

Instead, the councils want all authority leaders to work alongside the Local Economic Partnership to make decisions in the interest of the whole county as part of a combined authority.

Ian Hudspeth, leader of the county council, John Cotton, leader of SODC, and Matthew Barber, leader of the Vale, said: "We welcome the contribution by Oxford city, Cherwell and WODC to the debate about the future of council services and investment in Oxfordshire.

"We are reviewing their report for the very first time and will discuss our response with the other councils in due course.

"In the meantime, our three councils remain willing to discuss our Better Oxfordshire proposal, which is currently with the Secretary of State for consideration."

Jihadi Jack: How I escaped Islamic State

AN OXFORD man nicknamed Jihadi Jack, who allegedly left his Oxford home to fight for Islamic State, has revealed how he escaped the terrorist group.

Jack Letts, a 21-year-old British Muslim convert, escaped from the IS stronghold of Raqqa and is now a prisoner of the Kurdish militia in north-east Syria.

The former Cherwell School pupil is suspected of going to Syria in around 2014 to fight for IS, but now claims he is opposed to them and has left that area.

Mr Letts told the BBC: "I found a smuggler and walked behind him through minefields."

He said he and the smuggler "eventually made it near a Kurdish point where we were shot at twice and slept in a field".

Mr Letts, who is now in solitary confinement in a Kurdish-held jail, is married in Iraq and has a child. He claimed he became disillusioned with the group about a year ago after it killed its former supporters.

"I hate them more than the Americans hate them," he said.

"I realised they were not upon the truth [sic] so they put me in prison three times and threatened to kill me."

Earlier this month Mr Letts begged to be released from jail so he could return to the UK and "explain some things" to his parents.

A spokesperson for the Foreign Office has previously told the Oxfordshire Guardian that it did not have the resources to search for and help Mr Letts.

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Imam 'honoured' to receive MBE for work across the community

AN 'AMBASSADOR for positive change' has been honoured by the Queen for his work in 'building bridges' between communities.

Imam Monawar Hussain (pictured), 48, was awarded an MBE for services to interfaith relations and the community in Oxfordshire as part of this year's centenary of the Queen's Birthday Honours.

As an Imam at Eton College since 2004, he works with Muslim boys to build trust and friendship between diverse communities.

Five years later, Monawar also established the Oxford foundation to encourage young people to realise their potential and contribute to British society in a meaningful way, using drama, storytelling, music and one-to-one mentoring.

He said: "[The award] just came out of the blue. It has just been such a shock. You don't expect these things to happen to you.

"I feel honoured but so do my family and my community. We work in groups and teams. It is not just for me but to acknowledge their work too."

Monawar established rapport with the Muslim boys at Eton and has invested his time and money to work with young adults, leaders and local authorities to foster good relationships between all faiths.

He is active in Oxford's Multi Faith Forum and has developed strong links with the faith leaders in Oxford and nationally.

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, who has worked with him over the last year said: "I have greatly appreciated working with [him].

"He is a person of gentleness and grace, widely respected across the region among the leaders of different faith communities and with a distinguished record of building bridges and encouraging understanding."

Elsewhere in Oxfordshire, singer Sandie Shaw and actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw were made MBEs.

Mock Mayor of Ock Street

By Eva Astreinidou

HOT on the heels, literally, of the general election, people in Abingdon headed to the polls again to choose the town's new 'mock mayor' on a scorching day.

The annual and age-old tradition was held on Saturday, with the Abingdon Morris dancers taking to the streets in and around the town to celebrate the election of the Mayor of Ock Street.

Harry Knight was given the honour of being mock mayor for the third time.

He said: "The Mayor of Ock Street is an ancient tradition and I am honoured to have been elected once again.

"It is good to keep the tradition alive and to bring the community together.

"My thanks to all the people of Ock Street who voted for me and to the dancers for their support and hard work."

Setting off from the Brewery Tap at 10am when polling began, the procession of dancers moved along the town, with the new mayor being hoisted onto a chair and carried along Ock Street after the polls ended at 4pm.

Local residents followed them to celebrate the event.

Spectator Anne Hollows said: "It's such a unique event, and what better weather for it.

"I come here every year, it's a nice family event with a lovely atmosphere."

The role of the mock mayor is to communicate the townspeople's point of view from an age when not everybody was able to vote.

The tradition dates back to June 1700, where the men of the Vineyard and the men of Ock Street took part in a famous battle for an ox.

Legend has it that a man named Hemmings crashed an apple wood cudgel on the head of a Vineyard opponent and cut the ox head with a sword.

The Ock Street Horns are reputedly the horns of the ox roasted in the town on that day, used as a trophy by the men of Ock Street after the combat.

The Abingdon Morris dancers never perform without them.

Mock mayors were once a widespread British custom but now there are only a handful of places, such as Oxfordshire and Cornwall, carrying on the tradition.

News Bites

Food festival

A VARIETY of foodie delights can be enjoyed in Abingdon this weekend.

Over 70 stalls with world food, real ale, Pimms and prosecco, will feature in this Saturday's Abingdon Food & Drink Festival at Rye Farm Meadow near Abingdon Bridge.

Now in its fourth year, the festival will run from 10am to 6pm.

There will be free cooking demos, including one for children.

Entry £3, free for children.

For more information, visit abingdonfoodfestival.org.uk.

Boost for Abbey

THE remains of the great Abbey of Abingdon are being revamped thanks to a fund worth nearly £69,000.

The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society received the boost from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) with the aim of making the Abbey buildings secure for future generations and a community hub, as well as continuing to provide entertainment at the Unicorn theatre.

Gutsy science

SCIENCE Oxford is throwing an event in Abingdon that really 'takes guts'.

The Yang Science Centre at Abingdon School will host a family-friendly hands-on exploration of the human digestive system on July 1.

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Consultation concerns

By George Welch

THE group responsible for providing health care in Oxfordshire has been criticised for the way it consulted on a series of proposed changes to the county's NHS.

There were more than 10,000 responses in the first round of consultation as part of the 'Big Health and Care Consultation'.

The independent report said there was "considerable criticism" of the consultation process and "concerns" over whether the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) would take people's views on board.

More than 1,400 people attended 15 public events across the county to feedback on plans to reshape the way health services are delivered.

The report said: "There was considerable criticism of the consultation process and document, including concerns about it being split into two phases, the timing and location of the consultation events."

Many respondents saw health services as interlinked and considered having a split consultation "of significant concern as people fear it may inadvertently jeopardise the long-term future of services such as A&E".

County councillor Laura Price, a member of the scrutinising body believes decisions should not be made until the public has had chance to air its views on both parts of the consultation.

She believes the decision to split the consultation in two has 'reduced clarity'.

Cllr Price said: "A lot of the answers to the questions that are raised by the first phase are only in the second phase in the proposals. What I'd like to see is an acceptance that there are too many unknowns and questions raised by that first phase to be able to implement any permanent decisions without having clarity on what we can provide in that second phase to do with community services and provision."

More than 10,000 people responded to the consultation about the future of health care and left, Laura Price is concerned about the two parts being considered separately

The report added: "Concerns were raised over OCCG's commitment to listening to people's views and using them to inform their decision making."

Phase one of the consultation focused on the use of acute hospital beds across the county, stroke services and maternity, critical and outpatient care at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury.

Thirty-seven per cent of survey respondents in the consultation were from Banbury and the surrounding areas.

In general, people agreed with OCCG proposals to centralise acute stroke care in Oxford and increase outpatient care at the Horton.

But the report said there were "almost universal" concerns expressed over the future of maternity care.

The maternity unit at the Banbury hospital was downgraded to midwife-led status last October and the report added there was "a lack of support" to permanently close the obstetric unit due to travel and safety concerns.

The consultation took place between January and April and the report was due to be discussed by Oxfordshire's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) at County Hall today.

No decisions will be made until a meeting on August 10.

Phase two of the consultation, which will cover A&Es, children's services, and community hospitals, is expected to begin in the autumn.

The OCCG declined to comment.

Help to find missing girl

Chloe Maughan was last seen on May 31 in Blackbird Leys

A TEENAGE girl from Oxford has been missing for three weeks.

Chloe Maughan, 14, was last seen in Longlands Road, Blackbird Leys, on May 31, at about 11am.

Police believe that Chloe, pictured right, is still in Oxfordshire. She has links to Blackbird Leys and the Rosehill areas of Oxford.

Detective Chief Inspector Clare Knibbs said there was a possible sighting of Chloe in Bicester on June 10.

Chloe is white, about 5ft 6ins tall, slim, with long thick red hair and freckles.

When she was last seen she was wearing a black Adidas top, black bottoms and trainers. Anyone with information on Chloe's whereabouts can contact police on 101 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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P2G Andy's reward for £70k fundraising

By George Welch

Play2Give's Andy Baker has been given a British Citizen Award

THE inspiring founder of our charity of the year, who has raised over £70,000 in 15 years, has been recognised with a national honour.

Play2Give's Andy Baker will receive a British Citizen Award for his volunteering and charitable giving efforts at a glitzy ceremony in London next month.

The 29-year-old from Didcot, who has lived with a brain injury since birth, has been fundraising tirelessly since he was a 14-year-old pupil at Didcot's St Birinus School.

Since then, he has raised over £57,300 for the Oxford Children's Hospital alone as a gesture of thanks for the care and support he has received from them over the years, and especially following major brain surgery he endured aged 12.

Andy established P2G in 2007 to support the hospital and brain injury charity Headway Oxfordshire – and the fundraising group has gone from strength to strength.

Andy said he "couldn't believe it" when he found out about his award.

He said: "It was a really lovely surprise to find out about the award and I'm really excited about it.

"I couldn't believe it. It's a really nice feeling, although, I always feel I don't quite deserve it, as there are always others that do amazing good deeds, and more deserving.

"I love doing what I do to make a difference for others for charities closest to my heart, but's really nice to get that nod of appreciation and thanks.

"It's really lovely too to be receiving this in my 15th year of fundraising and the 10th anniversary of Play2Give."

Andy's achievements are all the more remarkable considering he suffers from debilitating headaches and fatigue daily due to his medical condition.

However, this hasn't prevented him from overcoming the obstacles that his brain injury brings and has been relentless in his fundraising efforts.

He added: "It's a real tribute to the thousands of people who have helped, been involved with and supported me over the years including my small ever-growing P2G team. I couldn't have done any of this without them."

The BCAs, awarded twice annually, were launched in January 2015 to reward 'everyday' people who work tirelessly and selflessly to make a positive impact on society and whose achievements may otherwise be overlooked.

Andy was nominated by friend Linda Latter, who said: "He is a true, genuine young man with a real heart of gold, which is very rare to find these days and he doesn't ever let life get him down.

"He lives life to the full and is the life and soul of the party despite his condition."

Andy is one of 30 medallists who will be honoured at the ceremony at the Palace of Westminster on July 6.

Westgate tees up mini golf

A UNIQUE mini-golf course will anchor a new area for restaurants at Oxford's £440m Westgate shopping centre.

With little over four months to go until the exciting new shopping complex opens, retail bosses have revealed the Westgate Social area, which will welcome six new food outlets.

In the latest announcement international brands Timberland and Vans also confirmed they would be opening stores, as well British retailers Neal's Yard Remedies, Hobbs, Oliver Bonas and Loake shoemakers.

Junkyard Golf Club, which will anchor the foodie favourites, will offer punters scrapyard-themed mini-golf for those who love quirky props, neon lights and cocktails.

Co-founder Chris Legh said: "We are really excited to join Westgate Oxford, giving residents a completely unique day and night out, that is on a par with our leading cities.

"We have a huge space to play with so we're going to fit in three courses, with crazy installations and some awesome bars. Look out for slides, cars, boats and of course the usual UV and jungle madness that has made our venues famous.

The new Westgate Social area will feature six food outlets

"Our mission in life is to keep making crazy golf epic."

Food outlets already confirmed for Westgate Social include Mexican restaurant Benito's Hat, Indian street food vendor Rola Wala and Shawa Lebanese's Grill. More will be announced .

Run by Westgate Oxford Alliance, the major redevelopment is a joint venture between Land Securities and the Crown Estate.

The 800,000 sq ft complex, which will be anchored by a 140,000 sq ft John Lewis store, will feature more than 100 new shops, 25 eateries and boutique cinema Curzon. Emma Mees, the senior portfolio manager at Landsec, said: "With Westgate Social, we aim to lead the charge for next generation retail destinations by bringing our scheme in line with the rapidly changing lifestyle habits of consumers."

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Taking their first prickly steps

COTSWOLD Wildlife Park's first porcupine twins are finally 'stamping' out into the brave new world outside of their enclosure.

The park welcomed its first 'porcupettes' in its 47-year history in mid-March.

Born to first-time mother Stempu and father Prickle, they are finally stepping out of their comfort zone at the park's porcupine house after being fiercely protected by their parents.

It is not yet known which sex the twins are but they are starting to inquisitively venture further out of the enclosure as the days go by.

Chris Kibbey, section head of primates at the park, said: "Dad Prickle and mum Stempu were introduced in October 2016 and it wasn't long until love blossomed and keepers were delighted to discover little porcupettes running around the enclosure in March this year."

The miniature porcupines were born with a full set of quills.

Describing the birth, he said: "The babies are born about Guinea Pig-sized and although are born with quills, they are soft at birth, making things considerably easier for mum."

The mum's name, Stempu, means 'stamp' in Swahili as she is notorious for doing so – now, her offspring have also picked up the habit.

Chris added: "The twin babies are doing really well, and have already developed their mother's habit of stamping their feet indicating their frustration at keepers disturbing them."

Pictures: Debbie Ryan

Art celebrates hidden stories

A PUBLIC art installation celebrating diversity and 'alternative and hidden stories' will be showcased across many of Oxford's public spaces.

Images from the Gaps Between project will appear on railings on iconic buildings across the city until mid July.

Set up by The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH), the installation uses photographs, artwork and archival material to help widen the perception of 'what is Oxford'. Following the installation, TORCH will also be launching an app in October, Alternative Stories.

Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, said: 'The university is always proud to support thought-provoking research and community-led initiatives.The Gaps Between installation, together with the Oxford Alternative Stories mobile app, raises the profile of some of the hidden stories of people and places in Oxford."

Chosen by historian Dr Imaobong Umoren, three images will appear on the railings at the Radcliffe Camera, including one of Professor Merze Tate.

Prof Tate was the first African American woman to attend the Oxford University as a student at St Anne's College in 1931.

Dr Umoren also selected a photograph of Kofoworola Moore from Nigeria, who, in 1935, became the first African woman to graduate from the University of Oxford.

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Thames Water fined again over leakages

By Eva Astreinidou

THAMES Water has been hit with a second fine bringing its total penalties to a whopping £28.55m this year alone.

The company has been fined £8.55m by industry regulator Ofwat after an annual report published on Wednesday, June 14, showed that Thames Water failed to meet its commitments to reduce leakage in 2016-2017.

In addition, Ofwat has opened an investigation to consider whether further action is needed beyond this penalty.

In March, the water firm was ordered to pay a record £20m for polluting the river Thames with 1.9bn litres of raw sewage.

Last Wednesday, Ofwat chief executive Cathryn Ross said Thames's failure to meet its leakage commitments was "unacceptable".

She said: "Our performance commitment regime imposes significant penalties for failure to deliver the levels of performance that customers have paid for and consequently, Thames Water will now face the maximum penalty."

In the report, Thames Water said it had outperformed its target for the past 10 years and reduced leakage by 100m litres a day over the period, 'the equivalent of 40 Olympic-sized swimming pools', but 'regrettably' missed its 2016/17 target by 47m litres per day.

Rose O'Neill, water policy manager at the World Wildlife Fund, said it is a 'travesty' that water taken from the natural environment is 'wasted', adding that this comes at a cost for wildlife.

She said: "This fine is a damning indictment of Thames Water's failure to grasp one of the top priorities for customers and for our natural environment.

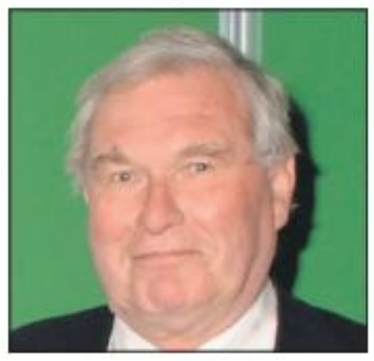
"With April being the driest on record it is a travesty that a third of all water that is taken from the natural environment is still wasted – through leaky pipes, inefficient processes, and waste in the home.

"We urgently need more action from all water companies."

Steve Robertson, CEO of Thames Water Utilities Ltd, said: "Although we faced challenges during the year, the underlying performance of the business last year was sound."

He said that an additional £150 million will be spent between now and 2020, some of which will be invested into reducing leakage.

Trampled to death by cows



A FORMER Oxford academic has been trampled to death by a herd of cows.

Professor Brian Bellhouse, an Emeritus Fellow at Magdalen College, was killed when walking alone in the east Sussex village of Guestling on Monday, June 12.

A helicopter was scrambled after another walker heard his screams for help when it is believed the cattle became agitated and charged at him.

He was confirmed dead at 11.46am and his death has been handed over to the coroner.

Former colleague Professor Lionel Tarassenko, head of Oxford University's department of engineering science, said: "He encouraged several generations of undergraduates and graduates to pursue careers in biomedical engineering and he will be sorely missed."

The newly-decorated library at the Manor Prep School

Library books opening

BOOKWORMS at an Abingdon school will today celebrate the opening of their refurbished library.

Over the Easter holiday, more than 4,500 books were boxed up and moved out ready to make way for builders and painters, who treated the library at the Manor Prep School to a facelift.

With fun reading spaces and hidey-holes, new tables and chairs and even a space-themed rug for story time with Kate Belcher – the Manor's very own storyteller – kids can't wait to get their hands on their favourite books again.

The library is due to be officially opened today by Mark Thornton, owner of Mostly Books in Abingdon, and his wife Nicki, who will be published as a children's author next year.

Mr Thornton, who has helped the Faringdon Road-based school with book fairs and visits from authors in the past, said: "It's an incredible honour to be asked to open a library at a school that we have – through Mostly Books – worked closely with over years to help foster a love of reading."

As a leaving gift to the school the Year 6 pupils helped design a literature themed mural to adorn one of the walls, painted by Manor dad Kevin Arrowood.

A school spokesperson said: "We love our new library and look forward to it being enjoyed by hundreds, if not thousands of Manor pupils."

Remembering those who fought in Spain

By Eva Astreinidou

CROWDS turned up to see the unveiling of a memorial to honour the men and women from Oxfordshire who fought in the Spanish Civil War.

Thirty-one people from the area, six of whom died, fought against the fascist forces of General Franco in the 1930s and will be remembered by an inscription on the monument unveiled at Oxford's South Park on June 10.

The names of the six killed are also engraved on the memorial.

Standing at 6ft tall and built of granite, it shows a clenched fist, a symbol of hope and defiance, crushing a scorpion, representing the 'poison of fascism'.

Colin Carritt, chair of the Oxford International Brigade Memorial Committee, lost his uncle Anthony Carritt in the conflict, and has been campaigning for the tribute since 2014.

He said: "We are delighted to have achieved this long-held ambition. For a city of its size, Oxford sent more volunteers than most.

"They were students, graduates and academics, car factory workers from Cowley, and farm workers from the city's rural hinterland.

"As the plaque on the memorial says, 'they went because their open eyes could see no other way.'

"These volunteers of 80 years ago could see the march of fascism spreading across Europe and they knew it had to be stopped.

"Spain was simply the first step in a long fight for freedom and democracy that ended in 1945. But intolerance and bigotry are ever-present. [We hope that] the Oxford memorial will become a rallying point for all fair-minded people in the city to come together to support progressive causes."

Writer and journalist Chris Farman, sculptor Charlie Carter, Oxford Trades Council's Chris Davies and David Chanter, relative Ed Ayres, fundraisers John Haywood and committee chair Colin Carritt

He added: "The Spanish Civil War is a much neglected area of 20th century history and has been overshadowed by the much larger conflict of the Second World War."

The project has cost about £30,000, collected through donations, fundraising events and the sale of a specially produced book, No Other Way: Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War 1936-39, written by three local historians.

The memorial was unveiled by Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford Christine Simm.

She said: "Six of the 31 people from Oxfordshire sadly did not return and it is important that we remember them."

Second lowest number of people claiming unemployment benefit in Henley

HENLEY has the second lowest level of unemployment in the UK.

Latest figures from the Office of National Statistics show that only 0.6 per cent of the constituency claimed unemployment benefits in May – bettered only by South Cambridgeshire's claimant rate of 0.5 per cent.

The number of unemployed people in the south Oxfordshire constituency dropped by 20 from April, elevating it from third to second spot.

Only thirty 18 to 24-year-olds claimed unemployment benefits last month, the lowest figure across 650 UK constituencies.

John Howell, the newly re-elected MP for Henley, welcomed the latest data for Henley's claimant rate.

He said he was "particularly grateful for all employers taking on apprentices and for schools and colleges for promoting apprenticeships".

All five other Oxfordshire constituencies were comfortably in the top third for lowest levels of unemployment.

Wantage (ninth lowest), Witney (22nd), Banbury (23rd) and Oxford West & Abingdon (37th) all finished in the top-40, while Oxford East had the 189th lowest rate of unemployment at 1.6 per cent.

The unemployment rate for the UK was 4.6 per cent, down from 5.0 per cent a year earlier and the joint lowest since 1975.

The number of people in work is at the highest level since records began with nearly 75 per cent of people in employment.

Mr Howell said: "It's great news that yet again we have more people in work nationally than ever before.

"Over the last seven years we have been working hard to ensure the economy continues to create jobs – there are 2.9 million more people in work than in 2010.

"But we know there is more to do – we want to protect and build on this progress to make sure everyone has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of where they live or their background."

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Shops get in 1940s spirit to match town carnival

VISITORS to Thame could have been forgiven in thinking they had stepped back in time.

High Street retailers decorated their windows in a 1940s theme to take part in the first best dressed shop window competition, which ties in with the wartime theme of this year's carnival.

Eleven shops took part and set a high standard for the judges, town mayor Tom Wyse and Lucy Wyatt, one of the carnival organisers.

They chose Green's Furnishings, of Upper High Street, as the overall winner, saying the display used the 1940s theme to both promote the carnival and seamlessly link in with the products sold in the shop.

Austin's of Thame and Thame Jewellery Workshop both received commendations, with the staff of the jewellery workshop going the extra mile and dressing in costume.

Mr Wyse said: "It was great to see so many shops taking part. The entries were all of a very high standard, and are worth the short walk around Thame to appreciate the creativity that has gone into them."

The next competition will have a music theme and will take place in the run up to Thame Town Music Festival on July 8.

Green's Furnishings and other Thame shops set a difficult decision for judges Tom Wyse and Lucy Wyatt

Radio station spreads wings

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW community radio station has taken to the airwaves full time – two years after a group of friends came up with the idea over a curry.

On Sunday, Red Kite Radio went live 24/7 on 107.2fm from its new permanent base at Haddenham Garden Centre.

The team raised more than £10,000 to get the project off the ground, winning grants from the Haddenham Beer Festivals Trust; The Rothschild Foundation, based at Waddesdon Manor, and Aylesbury Vale District Council's Community Chest.

The station, which will offer a news service, aims to fund itself from advertising income and grants.

It hopes to involve charities, schools, sports clubs, churches, community groups in coverage and offer radio skills training courses to local people.

Director Mark Chapple said: "It was clear that a hyper-local station exclusively talking about Haddenham, Thame and all these pretty villages around us would be a great addition to this area."

After two successful Summerfest Radio projects, the team met for a curry in 2015 where the idea of a permanent station was born and they successfully applied for one of the last FM frequencies available in the UK.

Station founder Mark Zeall said: "We've worked tirelessly since winning the license to get Red Kite Radio on the air.

"We're proud of what we've achieved in such a short time. Working day and night we've managed to secure grant funding, renovate a dilapidated building into a permanent home for the station and built a first-class radio studio."

Among the presenters is Simon Guettier, a former presenter with British Forces Broadcast Service (BFBS), who will be on the air in the mornings.

The afternoon show will be presented by Howard Bond, who lives in Thame and joins Red Kite Radio from nearby radio station Brill 1449.

For more information view redkiteradio.com

News Bites

Air your views

BANBURY: Residents are being invited to have their say on the town's architectural heritage and its future.

Cherwell District Council is reviewing the conservation area and is due to present its proposals at an exhibition today at the town hall, from 4pm to 6.30pm followed by a public meeting at 7pm.

Officers are proposing to extend the area to include King's Road and part of Warwick Road. People have until July 27 to submit their view.

Record of past

CHIPPING NORTON: A blue plaque is to be placed on a former recording studios used by top music names such as Wet Wet Wet, Duran Duran and Status Quo.

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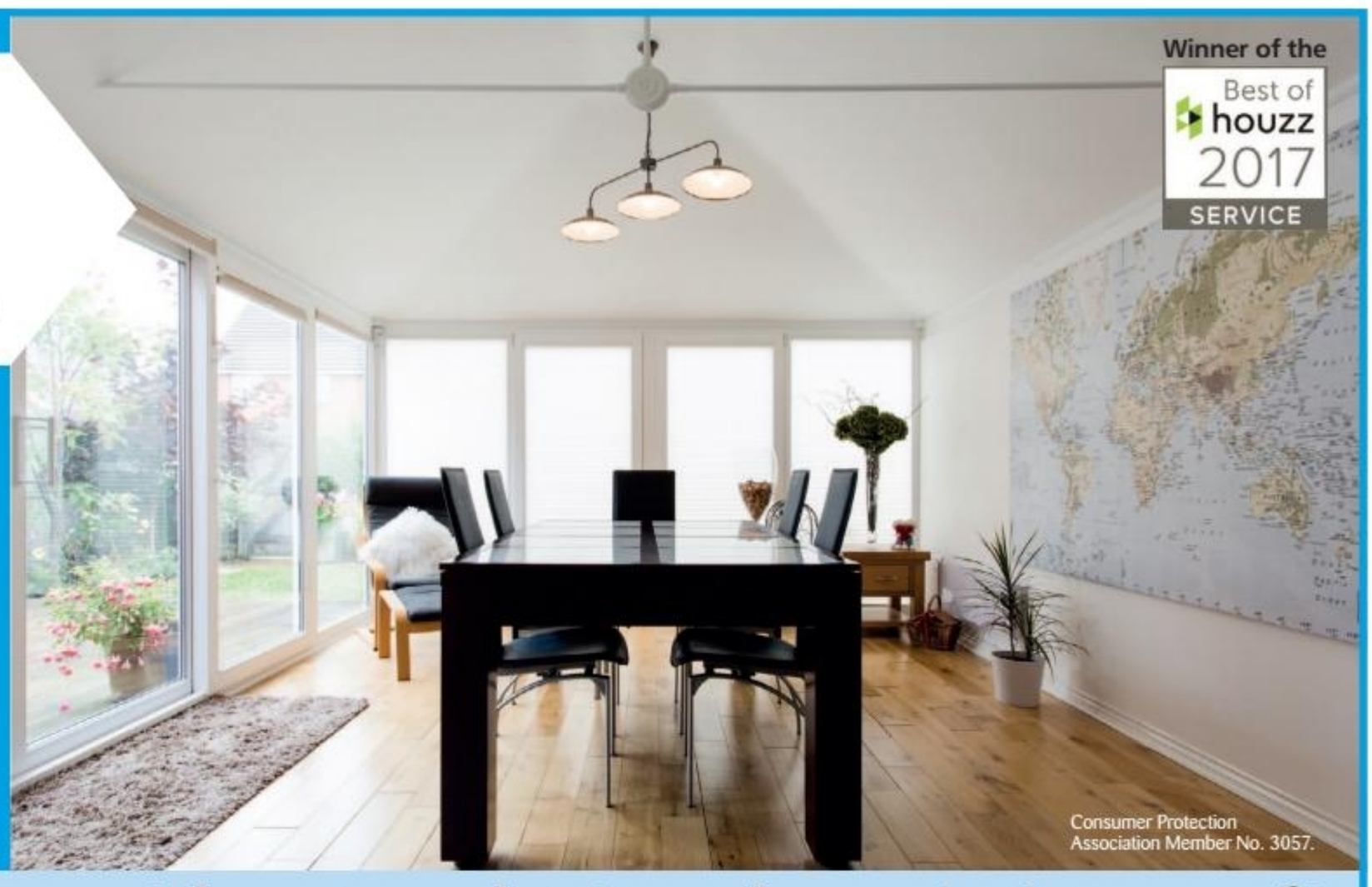

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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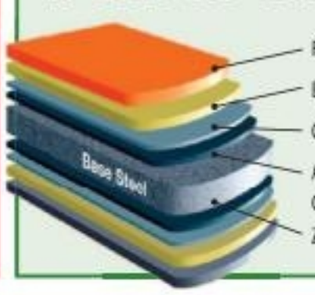

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'Being green isn't a niche thing for a few old hippies'

By Adam Flinn

Robert Llewellyn with his electric Tesla Model S

EMBRACING electric was the theme of a special event held in Oxford on Sunday to encourage more people to make the switch to cleaner powered cars.

Test Drive the Future was held at Cherwell School as part of Oxford Green Week, where visitors could take an electric car out for a drive and find out more about how the technology works.

Electric bicycles were also available for testing, as well as a model car building workshop and a talk by green energy enthusiast and Red Dwarf star Robert Llewellyn.

Robert has been solely driving electric cars since 2010, and spoke to the Guardian about the challenge of trying to promote electric vehicles to the wider public, and the improvements in technology in the last five to 10 years.

He said: "My long-term ambition is that I encourage the world to try and stop burning stuff in order to do what we do.

"A huge amount of what we do now, we can carry on doing it but we don't need to burn anything, and I think that's really the next step for the human race.

"We've been burning stuff since we lived in caves, and when you burn stuff, you can't burn it again, so that's my bottom line."

Robert was in Oxford with his electric Tesla Model S, which has been charged from solar panels on the top of his Gloucestershire house.

His car can achieve around 250 miles on a single charge – more than most on the market, which are usually around the 150-mile mark.

He added: "Battery density is always improving. It's increased to such a degree that it's more than doubled the range.

"I still think it's going to be people who are prepared to make the change because we're so used to petrol and diesel cars, but there's so many advantages.

"My generation will never do it and probably the generation now in their 40s won't, but the generation at school now are much more accepting of new technology."

Test Drive the Future is one of a series of events taking place as part of Oxford Green Week, organised by the city council.

Green Week organiser Jenny Carr said: "We hope by showcasing what people, organisations and communities are doing that's positive for the environment, it can inspire others to do the same.

"There's things people can do that will have a positive impact on the environment and are not always difficult to do.

"It's really pointing out that being green isn't a niche thing for a few old hippies that people might perceive, it's actually something that's good for everybody's health and wellbeing, and good for saving money as well."

There's four days of green fun still to go!

OXFORD Green Week has been running since Saturday, and the festival comes to its conclusion this Sunday.

There are a host of events still going on before then however, aimed at helping people to learn more about green living and discover how to look after the environment.

For full details on any of the events listed below, go to the green week website: oxfordgreenweek.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
- Cultivate VegVan, 3pm-8pm, Rusty Bicycle
- Green Behind the Scenes, 5pm-6pm, Lady Margaret Hall
- Thinking Food Outside the Box, 6pm-8pm, Turl Street Kitchen
- The Lightbulb Conspiracy film screening, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Objects of Use
- Present-day Plant Hunting, 6pm-7.30pm, Harcourt Arboretum

FRIDAY, JUNE 23
- Green Behind the Scenes, 10am-11am, Oxford University Press
- Cultivate VegVan, 2pm-6pm, Little Clarendon Street
- From Woods to Goods, 6pm-8pm, Environmental Change Institute
- Beyond the Flood film screening, 6pm-8pm, Oxford Brookes University

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
- Green Behind the Scenes, 10am-11pm, Pegasus Theatre
- East Oxford Farmers and Community Market, 10am-1pm, East Oxford Primary School
- Meet the designer of Harcourt Eco-pod, 12pm-2pm, Harcourt Arboretum
- Open day at Green Unit, 3pm-4.30pm, Chiselhampton
- Bus trip to Rectory Farm pick-your-own, 11pm-4pm. Free bus pick-ups from Oxford
- ReFashion at Oxford Festival of the Arts, 2pm-5pm, Magdalen College School

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
- Food Surplus café, 12pm-3pm, East Oxford Community Centre
- Hogacre pop-up café, 12pm-5pm, Hogacre Common Community Eco Park
- Nourishing Tales, 1pm-4pm, Bury Knowle Park
- Me and My Bee, 1pm-2pm, the Old Fire Station
- OxGrow Work Party, 1pm-5pm, Hogacre Common
- Significantus with Lola Perrin and Kate Raworth, 6pm-7pm, Magdalen College School

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New rail link is off to a flyer after successful six months

By George Welch

CHILTERN Railways is celebrating six months since it opened its £320m rail link connecting Oxford with London Marylebone – and more people are travelling by rail than ever before.

When the final section of the line opened on December 12, 2016, it became the first new rail link between London and a major city for more than 100 years.

And with its six-month anniversary on Monday last week, the rail operator, in partnership with Network Rail, said the new line has encouraged more people to travel by rail.

The rail market between Oxford station and the capital has grown by 18 per cent since the Oxford to Marylebone route opened.

Just over 18 months after the launch of Oxford Parkway station in Water Eaton, three million journeys have been made on the new line.

Dave Penney, managing director of Chiltern Railways, said: "The new line is performing ahead of expectations and we are delighted with how it has been received.

From left, Dave Penney, MD of Chiltern Railways, Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport, broadcaster and ex-MP Michael Portillo, and Mark Carne, chief executive of Network Rail at last December's opening of the line

"The route provides new options for those commuting into Oxford and real choice and flexibility for those travelling between Oxford and London."

Passenger numbers between Oxford Parkway, Bicester Village station and London are also continuing to grow, Chiltern said.

Bicester Village station has welcomed two million passengers through the station. The number of visitors arriving by train at the shopping centre has soared from three per cent to more than 10 per cent since the opening of the new route.

Sarah-Jane Curtis, business director of Bicester Village, said: "Working in partnership with Chiltern means that we can continue to enhance the overall experience for our guests while reducing traffic on local roads.

"With one in 10 travelling by train, this is now the preferred option for many of the visitors to Bicester Village."

Lost vaults discovered behind Blenheim steps

Picture: Blenheim Palace

A SERIES of 'mysterious' vaults have been discovered by renovation workers at the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

Stonemasons working to revamp the north steps at the 18th century Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire found three 'vaulted voids'.

The restoration project worth £350,000 was prompted by a recent survey showing the steps were slowly spreading apart and moving away from the structure of the palace.

Following initial excavations, stonemasons carefully removed the steps.

It was during this work that the subterranean vaults, believed to have been for structural support for the steps, were discovered.

Richard Bowden, historic buildings and conservation surveyor at the palace, said it was a "surprise" to find the empty spaces below the steps and said their purpose is not 'immediately apparent'.

He added that each vault is covered by stalactites created by the trickle of water over the centuries.

Further investigations are scheduled.

The work is now complete and the entrance to Blenheim Palace is back in use for visitors.

In March, it was revealed that a flowerpot in the grounds was actually a 1,700-year-old Roman sarcophagus.

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Carnival off to a healthy start

DANCE, music, song and a tug-of-war are just some of the highlights planned for Bicester's annual carnival.

Taking place on Saturday, the day will start with a carnival procession that leaves at noon from the top of Sheep Street before winding through the main shopping street, to Market Square, Church Street, Old Place Yard and into Pingle Field.

This year's carnival theme is about being healthy to mark Bicester status as a Healthy New Town.

Mayor Les Sibley will declare the carnival officially open at 1pm and there will be a host of fun and entertainment through until 5pm.

There will be performances from groups and individuals including Just Dance, Elite Dance and Theatre Tuition, Dave Hunt, Alice Victoria, Triskel 3, Bicester ECU, air cadets and Southwold Primary School.

As well as stall, games, rides and refreshments.

The event also coincides with Armed Forces Day and Mr Sibley said the town would "celebrate the past, present and future of the men and women in uniform who serve our country".

Proceeds from the carnival will go towards Mr Sibley's chosen charities for this year – Auditory Verbal UK, which supports children with hearing problems, Victim Support, Bicester Foodbank and the cancer support charity, the Hummingbird Centre.

Deal on parking woes at the Rec is thrashed out

By Samantha McGregor

Cllr Kieron Mallon, left, and Alex Pearson

AGREEMENT has been reached between town councillors and a school in a bid to solve traffic problems in Banbury.

It comes after increasing complaints over congestion and parking around Easington Recreation Ground, particularly at weekends.

Harriers Banbury Academy and Banbury Town Council held talks last week to thrash out the problems.

Under the agreement, the school will allow sports teams who play on the recreation ground to park at its site at weekends.

Banbury Town Council will reconfigure the car park to increase capacity and install secure gates.

The town council is also set to make major improvements to the recreation ground, including refurbishing the changing rooms, creating a new play area and improving football pitches.

Harriers Banbury Academy executive principal Alex Pearson, said: "Parking in the area is a challenge but our families also really value the park.

"We have met over the years with various councils, councillors, residents and police.

"We are pleased to work directly with Banbury Town Council for what we hope will be beneficial gfor everyone. We all hope this will be the start of a great partnership arrangement between Harriers Banbury Academy and Banbury Town Council.

"We will continue to work with our community wherever we can."

Cllr Kieron Mallon, leader of Banbury Town Council, said: "The council's plans for the recreation ground have brought us together to once again try to find a mutually beneficial arrangement for the council, school, football teams and residents, especially those living in Easington Road and Gardens and St Georges Crescent."

Mr Mallon said work to enhance the recreation ground was due to take place this summer.

He said: "This will coincide with the scheme I have already negotiated with Oxfordshire County Council to help Horton View residents from inconsiderate hospital overspill parking due to be implemented soon.

"This includes double yellow lines that will protect the junctions of Easington Road, Horton View and St Georges Crescent from dangerous parking."

News Bites

Flats get go-ahead

BANBURY: Plans to convert a building into apartments and a coffee shop have been given the green light.

Brickmort Developments will transform the mock-Tudor building, next to Crown House, into studio, one and two-bedroom apartments, and part of the ground floor will become a coffee shop.

Crown House has planning approval to be converted into 47 apartments. This latest proposal will contribute towards the regeneration of the site.

The building, in the centre of Banbury, has been empty for some time.

Self-build dream

BICESTER: New pocket plots have been released at Graven Hill, the self-build development, for two and three-bedroom properties.

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ACCORDING to the National Custom and Self Build Association (NaCSBA), 14,000 homes will be built across the UK in the next year.

For those considering this route, the annual Southern Homebuilding & Renovating Show, sponsored for the first time by Everest Home Improvements, is marking its anticipated return to Sandown Park, from 1-2 July 2017, with hands-on tips to help consumers succeed in their property ventures.

Across two full days, visitors can speak to over 220 exhibitors and access more than 500+ advice sessions, 20+ free masterclasses on essential topics which can tackle any problem, from implementing the latest intelligent security systems to funding a remodelling project.

Six resident property specialists will be on hand to help people with all building and renovating queries and leading companies will be exhibiting their latest ranges of services and products from an array of industries.

Everest Home Improvements, a brand with over 50 years' experience in fitting doors and double glazed windows, will be at stand O20 at the Southern event, after a successful exhibition at The National Homebuilding & Renovating Show in March. Oakwrights Design Consultation Service, which combines traditional materials with contemporary ones that can add a distinctive touch to any home, will be offering free 20-minute consultations to those who are interested in discovering more about its bespoke oak framing and encapsulation service.

Closing date: Friday, June 30

The Advice Centre is a hub for one-on-one impartial guidance and this year self-builders can run their ideas past property specialists with years of experience in this field. In this zone, visitors can head to the Ask the Builder area and meet an expert for advice on their renovation project. To take on the issue of obtaining planning permission, Sally Tagg and her team of experts will be at the Planning Clinic to consult on how to make an application and jump through all the hoops in the process to those with a building or renovating project in mind.

Visitors who are interested in 15-minute consultations with some of the UK's pre-eminent property specialists, should head to the Advice Centre, which also features the Ask the Expert zone. Attendees will be able to discuss their building ideas with: Michael Holmes, Jason Orme, Tim Pullen, Bob Branscombe and Chris Reeves from Homebuilding & Renovating Magazine, and Sally Tagg an expert on planning permission.

Get free tickets

To get your free tickets to the show all you have to do is go to www.homebuildingshow.co.uk/taylornewspapers, fill in your details and print off your tickets to take to the show.

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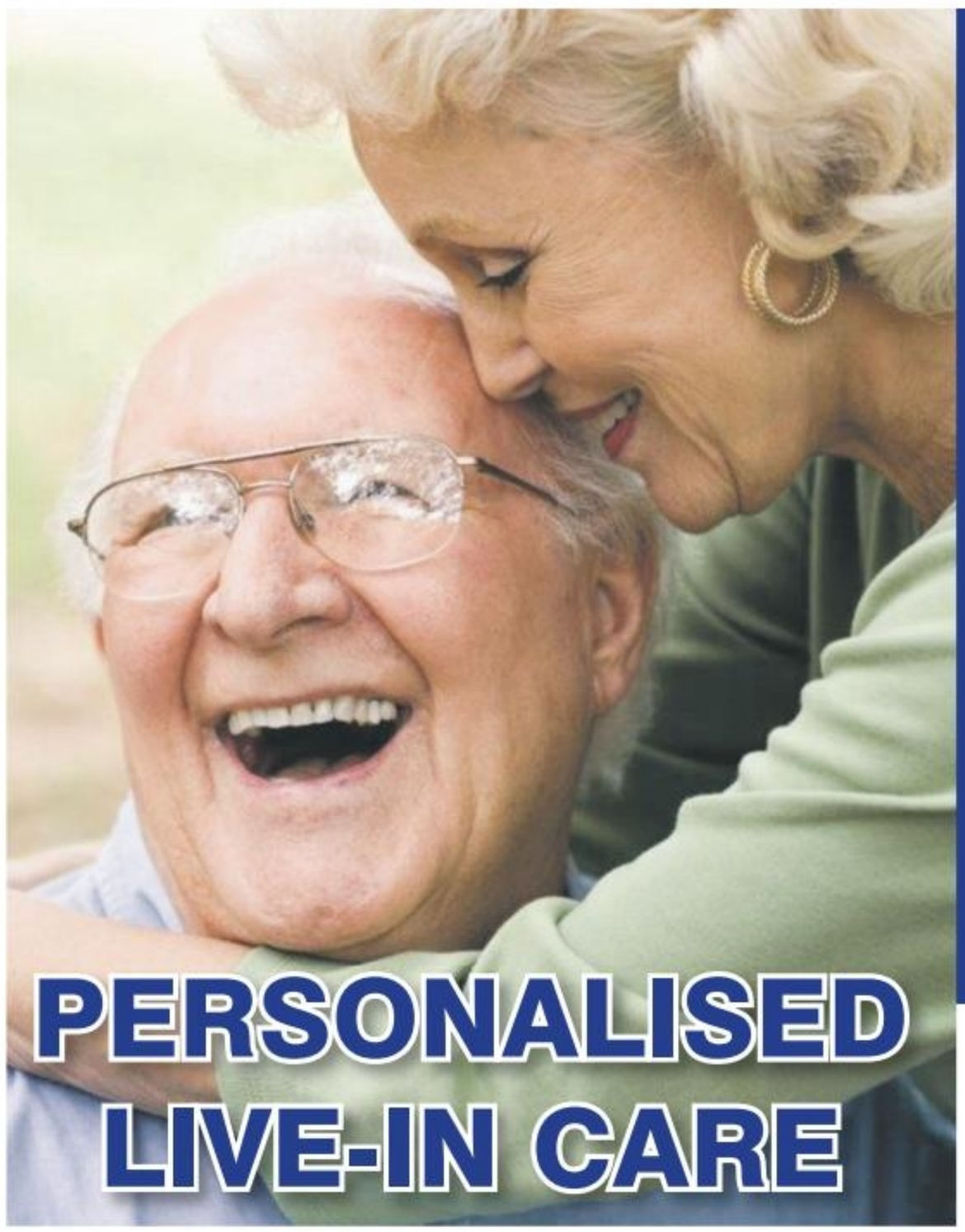

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Quick Clues Across

1 Orator (7)
5 Anything giving great pleasure (5)
8 Drop (4)
9 Contrary (8)
10 Reluctance (13)
13 Man-eating giant (4)
14 Immense (4)
17 Inquiring into (13)
19 Most spacious (8)
20 Cut off (4)
21 Gloomy (5)
22 Entreaties (7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Tracts of level country (6)
3 Uniting (7)
4 Softening (9)
5 Strip of leather (5)
6 Clear (7)
7 Locks of hair (7)
11 Steersman (9)
12 Mixed (7)
13 Easily understood (7)
15 Convince (7)
16 Reply (6)
18 Slippery (5

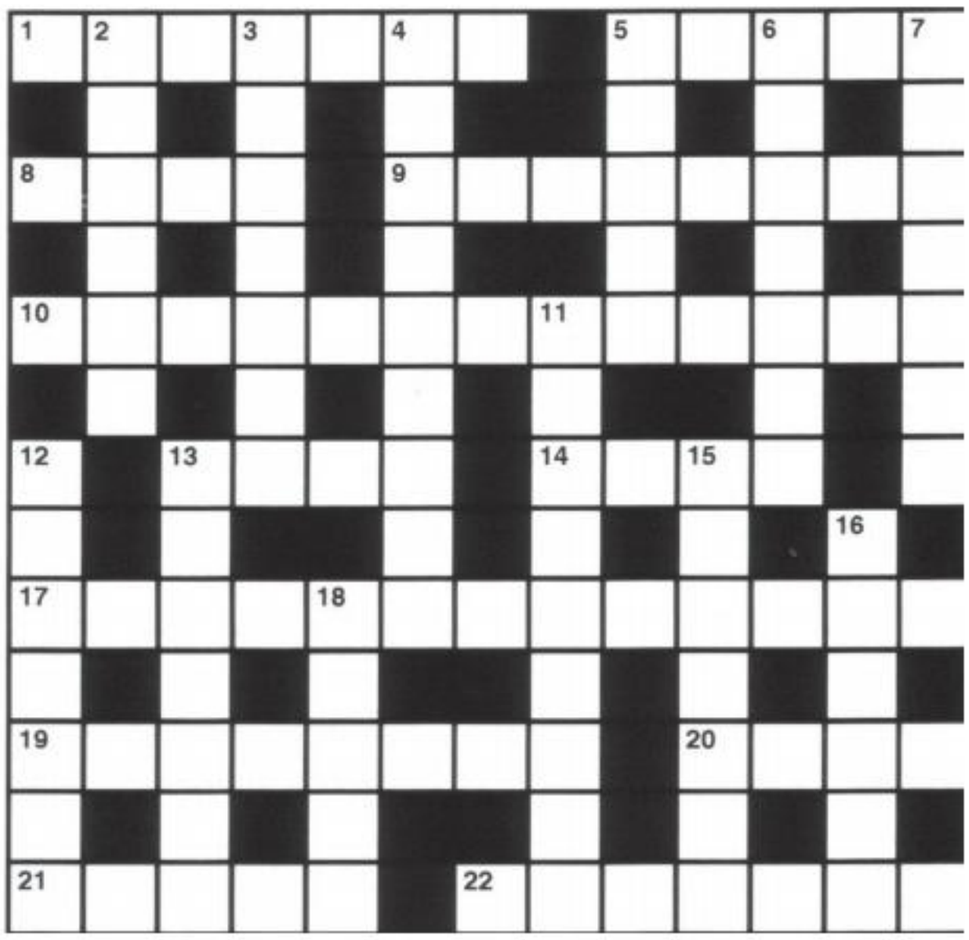
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 I try aid for the drought condition (7)
5 Established as in a plot (5)
8 Cream of sounds? (4)
9 I have water and rum in the goldfish bowl (8)
10 Then drums sort out the atmosphere disturbances (13)
13 Appear from these embarrassing moments (4)
14 Shoot back with one on the peak (4)
17 One who believes in always giving thanks before meals? (7,6)
19 Less usual to find a foreigner (8)
20 Carry the animal (4)
21 But not necessarily a tree that was planted earlier (5)
22 Renew the French sheen (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Outlines the plans for part of the golf course (6)
3 Disturb the grandee (7)
4 Take back the skill of the French man as a shopkeeper (9)
5 Will the second-rate survive the explosion? (5)
6 Sound pleased it's mounting the footrest (7)
7 Mad to go back, and inquires for the linens (7)
11 One who always hesitates to speak. (9)
12 I'm too old-fashioned for this deadlock (7)
13 Looked about right, so took the leading role (7)
15 Serving several purposes in public transport (7)
16 I chatter about the robber (6)
18 The man who is satisfied at five hundred going to the front? (5)



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6	1	2	8	3	7	9	5	4
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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Speaker 5 Treat 8 Fall 9 Opposite 10 Unwillingness 13 Ogre 14 Vast 17 Investigating 19 Roomiest 20 Sawn 21 Dusky 22 Prayers

Down: 2 Plains Allying 4 Emollient 5 Thong 6 Evident 7 Tresses 11 Navigator 12 Stirred 13 Obvious 15 Satisfy 16 Answer 18 Slimy

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Aridity 5 Based 8 Purr 9 Aquarium 10 Thunderstorms 13 Seem 14 Atop 17 Praying mantis 19 Stranger 20 Bear 21 Elder 22 Freshen

Down: 1 Roughs 3 Derange 4 Tradesman 5 Blast 6 Stirrup 7 Damasks 11 Stammerer 12 Impasse 13 Starred 15 Omnibus 16 Pirate 18 Inner

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Price Includes...
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Price Includes...
- ✔ Return flight from Gatwick airport to Verona†
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- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

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and Costa Blanca

Departing Wednesday 7 June 2017

Price Includes...
- ✔ Return flight from Gatwick airport to Alicante†
- ✔ 7 nights half board at the 4 star Cap Negret Hotel, Altea
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- ✔ Half-day excursion to Guadalest
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- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

from 8 days, by AIR £859 pp

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Salamanca and Toledo

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Saturday June 24th

BBC1

Pointless Celebrities, 5.55pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Food & Drink** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Tennis: Queen's** (S) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.45 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.55 Pointless Celebrities** A child star-themed edition of the quiz. (S)(R) **6.45 Doctor Who** The Doctor battles against time itself to save the life of someone he pledged to protect. (S)

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7.30 Pitch Battle Bebe Rexha serves as guest judge as Mel Giedroyc pits more diverse choirs against each other in head-to-head knock-out challenges. (S)

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9.00 Casualty Ethan's obsession with Scott Ellisson starts to worry Alicia. (S)

9.50 Mrs Brown's Boys Cathy goes to extreme lengths to impress her boyfriend. (S)(R)

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10.20 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.40 FILM The Proposal (2009) (12) Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds. (S)

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12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Glastonbury 2017, 8pm

6.40 FILM Love Affair (1939) (U) (S) **8.05 FILM Odette (1950) (PG)** (S) **10.00 Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Splash! (1984) (PG)** (S) **2.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.30 Glastonbury 2017** Coverage of the second day of the music festival. (S)

7.00 Supercharged Otters: Natural World Documentary following three orphaned river otters. (S) (R)

8.00 Glastonbury 2017 Clara Amfo and Nick Grimshaw present highlights of Katy Perry's debut Glastonbury set on the Pyramid stage. (S)

9.00 Glastonbury 2017 Live coverage of Foo Fighters' headline set this evening, which will mark the band's first appearance at Glastonbury since 1998. (S)

12.00 FILM Goodbye First Love (2011) (15) Romantic drama, with Lola Creton and Sebastian Urzendowsky. **2.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Voice Kids, 7.30pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 ITV Racing: The Opening Show** (S) **10.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) (U)** (S) **1.15 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.30 ITV Racing Live: Royal Ascot** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.25 Catchphrase: Celebrity Special** New series. Ashley Banjo, Jake Canuso and Lorraine Kelly take part. (S)

7.30 The Voice Kids The junior version of the singing talent contest reaches its third round. (S)

9.00 FILM Casino Royale (2006) (12) Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Mads Mikkelsen. (S)

11.50 ITV News (S)

12.09 ITV Regional Weather (S) **12.10** The Chase (S)(R) **1.05** Jackpot247 **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

The Autistic Gardener, 7pm

7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **12.25 F1 Meets Toto Wolff** (S) **12.55 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **3.30 World's Most Expensive Cars** (S) **4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The Autistic Gardener Alan Gardner is given a budget of £15,000 to restore order to a chaotic, 100-foot plot in Bristol. (S)

8.00 Britain's Great Gay Buildings Exploring the buildings that helped define gay rights in the UK. (S)

9.00 FILM Identity Thief (2013) (15) An executive goes in search of the con-woman living off his credit cards, planning to bring her to justice personally. Comedy, with Jason Bateman. (S)

11.15 FILM The Purge (2013) (15) Horror, starring Lena Headey and Ethan Hawke. (S)

12.50 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) **1.40** Hollyoaks (S) **3.50** Ackley Bridge (S)(R) **4.45** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.15** Fifteen to One (S)(R)

Channel 5

Blind Date, 7pm

11.15 Police Interceptors (S)(R) **12.1 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuit** (S)(R) **1.15 The Great British Benefit Handout** (S)(R) **2.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **3.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door: When Neighbours Attack** (S)(R) **4.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Special** (S) **5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Tak It Away** (S)(R) **6.05 5 News** (S) **6.10 Funniest Ever Toddler Tantrums** (R)

7.00 Blind Date The dating game show continues, as a former member of the Royal Air Force and a male swimwear model look for love. (S)

8.00 Before They Were Stars Part two of two. Dale Winton revisit another selection of archive clips. (S)

9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)

10.05 The Miranda Hart Story Profil of the comedian, examining her early years performing at the Edinburgh Festival before reaching stardom. (S)(R)

11.25 Lip Sync Battle UK: Manford v Keegan Comedian Jason Manford and actress Michelle Keegan compete. (S)(R)

11.50 Access (S)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Gold Digger and Proud (S)(R) **4.00** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarn (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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6.00 Louisa Johnson: The Hot Desk **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Emmerdale **9.35** Coronation Street **12.00** Take Me Out **1.10** Catchphrase **1.50** You've Been Framed! Goes Wild! **2.50** FILM: Arthur (2011) (12) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** FILM: Arthur (2011) (12) Concluded. **5.00** FILM: Freaky Friday (2003) (PG) Disney comedy remake, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan. **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Freaky Friday (2003) (PG) **6.55** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** FILM: Piranha (2010) (18) **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** FILM: Piranha (2010) (18) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **9.05** The Darling Buds of May **10.15** FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) **11.15** FYI Daily **11.20** FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) **12.55** Lewis **2.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** On the Buses **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Toots & The Maytals & Liam Gallagher at Glastonbury 2017. The Jamaican musical group's performance earlier this afternoon. **8.00** The National at Glastonbury 2017. The US indie-rockers' performance, live at the Pyramid Stage. **9.00** Father John Misty at Glastonbury 2017. Live coverage of the American singer-songwriter's set this evening. **10.00** The Jacksons at Glastonbury 2017. Live coverage of the popular funk-pop family band's set at the West Holts stage. **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.20** Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend **1.20** Classic Soul at the BBC **2.20** Otis Redding: Soul Ambassador **3.20** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** New Girl **6.45** Kevin Can Wait **7.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.35** The Goldbergs **10.00** Melissa & Joey **12.30** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.45** FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) (U) **2.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Fast & Furious 5 (2011) (12) Action adventure sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. **11.35** Gogglebox **1.45** Tattoo Fixers **2.45** Rude Tube **3.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.40** Four in a Bed **4.20** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Great Canal Journeys: India **8.00** Rivers with Jeremy Paxman **9.00** Pop, Pride and Prejudice **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.15** Pop, Pride and Prejudice **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Clueless (1995) (12) **1.00** Rio 2 (2014) (U) **3.00** Carry On Constable (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. **4.40** Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **6.45** The Other Boleyn Girl (2008) (12) Historical drama, starring Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson. **9.00** R.I.P.D (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Ryan Reynolds and Jeff Bridges. **10.55** The Raid 2 (2014) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Iko Uwais. **1.50** V/H/S/2 (2013) (18) **3.40** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Deadly 60 **9.00** The Best of Top Gear **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **1.00** Top Gear **2.00** Gavin & Stacey **4.00** Outnumbered **6.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **7.00** Zapped **9.00** Would I Lie to You? **11.00** Gavin & Stacey **1.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.50** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Secret Army **9.00** FILM: Sisters of War (2010) (12) **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Secret Army **3.00** FILM: Sisters of War (2010) (12) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Claire van der Boom. **5.00** Open All Hours **7.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.55** Waking the Dead **2.05** Sharpe **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo **6.30** British and Irish Lions Tour **7.30** The F1 Show **8.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Football's Funniest Moments **1.30** Futurama **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** MacGyver **9.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **10.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **11.00** Golf's Funniest Moments **12.00** Jamestown **1.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Zoo Tales

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **9.00** Urban Secrets **11.00** A Plastic Tide **12.00** A Plastic Whale **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.05** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **10.40** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.50** TJ Miller Meticulously Ridiculous **1.05** Game of Thrones **2.15** The Borgias **3.20** Nurse Jackie **4.00** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Betty White's Off Their Rockers **7.00** Inside the Ambulance **8.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.30** Jamie's Money Saving Meals **5.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities **6.00** My Family **8.0** One Born Every Minute **9.00** FILM: Kill Bill: Vol 1 (200 (18) Martial arts thriller, starring Uma Thurman. **11.1** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.10** Inside the Ambulance **1.10** Grimm **2.05** The Strain **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bob Monkhouse: Million Joke Man **8.00** Porridge **8.40** The Interviews **9.40** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Citizen Khan **11.0** The Young Ones **12.05** Bill Hicks: Relentless **1.30** Bla Books **2.40** Monty Python's Best Bits (Mostly) **3.15** Limmy's Show **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Rugby Gold **6.30** Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby **7.30** Live British and Irish Lions Tour. **11.15** International Rugby Union **11.45** Rugby Gold **12.00** International Rugby Union **12.30** Rugby Gold **1.00** Live Formula 1. **3.40** Live Internation Rugby Union. South Africa v France (kick-off 4.00pm). **6.15** British and Irish Lions Tour **7.15** Spanish Footbal Gold **7.30** One2Eleven: Christian Panucci **7.40** Live UEFA European Under-21s Championship Football. Ital v Germany (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.40** British and Irish Lions Tour **10.40** International Rugby Union **11.40** Sporting Triumphs **12.00** Premier League 100 Club **12.30** International Rugby Union **1.30** Football's Greatest Teams **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Sporting Heroes: Gary Newbon Interviews Phil Taylor **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

Sunday June 25th

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.00 Tennis: Queen's** The AEGON Championships final. (S) **5.10 Points of View** (S) **5.25 Songs of Praise** (S) **6.00 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Countryfile** Featuring a selection of reports from the series featuring working animals. (S)

8 **8.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce presents the show from the Lake District. (S)

9 **9.00 Poldark** Ross is ordered to leave Roscoff under threat of execution. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Tracey Breaks the News Tracey Ullman returns with a one-off political and topical offering. (R)

11 **11.00 Live at the Apollo** Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (S)(R)
11.30 FILM The Spectacular Now (2013) (15) (S)

AFTER 12 **1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

7.30 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **8.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 Sailing: America's Cup Highlights** (S) **2.00 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **2.45 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **3.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.15 Natural World** (S)(R) **5.10 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Glastonbury 2017** (S)

7.00 Countryfile Featuring a selection of reports from the series featuring working animals. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from the Lake District. (S)

9.00 Glastonbury 2017 Clara Amfo and Huw Stephens present live coverage of Ed Sheeran's headlining debut at the Pyramid Stage. Last in the series. (S)

11.00 Live at the Apollo Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (S)(R)
11.30 FILM The Spectacular Now (2013) (15) (S)

12.00 FILM Up There (2012) (15) Comic fantasy, starring Burn Gorman. (S) **1.15** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.15** Holby City (S)(R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Love Your Garden** (S)(R) **12.00 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.10 FILM King Ralph (1991) (PG)** (S) **2.00 The Voice Kids** (S)(R) **3.30 Live 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup** (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.20 FILM The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12)** (S)

9.00 The Loch Smilie holds a press conference to calm the public and bury rumours, but Blake disrupts his plans by revealing recent grisly discoveries and sharing his fears of a serial killer.

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)

11.15 Lethal Weapon (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **7.55 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.25 Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley** (S) **10.00 Sunday Brunch** (S) **1.00 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live Build-Up** (S) **1.35 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live** (S) **4.10 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live Reaction** (S) **5.00 Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber** (S)(R) **6.35 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Grand Designs Boat enthusiast James Strangeways invites Kevin McCloud to follow progress on his ship-themed home. (S)(R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys: India Part two of two. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Brahmaputra river. (S)

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale Offred receives a surprising proposition from Serena Joy that brings back memories of her marriage. (S)

10.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Joe Lycett and Michelle Wolf join regulars Jon Richardson and Sean Lock for the words-and-numbers game. (S)(R)

11.15 FILM The Last Days on Mars (2013) (15) Sci-fi horror, with Liev Schreiber. (S)

1.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.00** The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.55** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.25** Gillette World Sport (S) **3.50** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **4.45** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.45 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **11.30 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.25 FILM Jack and the Beanstalk (2010) (U)** (S) **3.10 FILM Did You Hear about the Morgans? (2009) (PG)** Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker. (S) **5.15 FILM Made of Honor (2008) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey. (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. Action from the third T20 international of the three-match series, which took place at The SSE SWALEC in Cardiff.

8.00 That's So 1994 An entertaining look at the events of 1994. (S) (R)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)

10.05 OMG! My Barbie Body New series. Documentary series about extreme cosmetic surgery. (S)

11.00 FILM Role Models (2008) (15) Comedy, with Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott and Christopher Mintz-Plasse. (S)

1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Our Dream Hotel (S)(R) **4.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges (S)(R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels o Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **11.55** The Voice Kids **1.25** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. **3.10** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy. **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Concluded. **5.00** FILM: Flubber (1997) (U) Children's comedy remake, starring Robin Williams. **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Flubber (1997) (U) Concluded. **6.50** FILM: The Wedding Planner (2001) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Lopez and Matthew McConaughey. **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: The Wedding Planner (2001) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple **7.40** Heartbeat **9.50** Murder, She Wrote **11.50** The Darling Buds of May **1.05** Hidden Treasure **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.15** Foyle's War **7.15** The Road to Coronation Street **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.15** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Rag'n'Bone Man and Shaggy at Glastonbury 2017. Coverage of the singers' performances at the festival. **8.00** Special Guests at Glastonbury 2017. Special appearances at the John Peel Stage. **9.00** Operation Crossbow **10.00** Storyville: Russia's Toughest Prison – The Condemned **11.20** Horizon: Antarctica Ice Station Rescue **12.20** The Comet's Tale **1.20** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **2.20** David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** The Goldbergs **12.55** FILM: Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** FILM: Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) (18) Fantasy horror prequel, starring Michael Sheen. **11.50** Gogglebox **12.55** Rude Tube **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.30** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Parenting for Idiots **11.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **12.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.05** Father Ted **2.10** Parenting for Idiots **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Red Army (2014) (15) **1.00** Dunston Checks In (1996) (PG) **2.45** Stuart Little (1999) (U) Comedy adventure, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **4.25** Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (12) Comedy, with Robin Williams. **6.50** Knight and Day (2010) (12) Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. **9.00** Non-Stop (2014) (12) Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **11.05** Her (2013) (15) Sci-fi drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix. **1.30** Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (1999) (15) **3.15** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.15** Top Gear Bolivia Special **8.45** The Best of Top Gear **9.50** Sin City Motors **10.50** Motorway Cops **11.50** Outnumbered **1.50** Top Gear Bolivia Special **3.30** The Joy of Techs **4.25** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **5.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** QI XL **12.00** Live at the Apollo **1.00** Mock the Week **2.50** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill **10.50** Northanger Abbey **12.45** FILM: Persuasion (1995) (U) **2.45** Catherine Cookson's The Moth **5.45** The Musketeers **7.00** The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **8.00** Mercy Street **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **12.40** Taggart **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** Drone Racing League **12.00** WWE Raw Hits **1.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **9.00** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** A League of Their Own **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **1.00** The Blacklist **2.00** Mount Pleasant **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Zoo Tales

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **7.00** Fish Town **9.00** The British **11.00** House **2.00** The Putin Interviews **4.20** Blue Bloods **9.00** Riviera **10.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.10** Veep **11.45** Game of Thrones **12.50** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.10** Nurse Jackie **4.15** The Guest Wing **5.05** The British

W SKY: 109

6.00 Judge Faith **6.20** Boston's Finest **7.00** MasterChef USA **12.00** Doctor Who **2.00** My Family **4.00** Outnumbered **6.00** The Blue Planet **7.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities **8.00** Educating Yorkshire **9.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **10.00** Luther **11.20** Louis Theroux's LA Stories **12.40** Grimm **1.35** The Strain **2.20** Bondi Rescue **2.40** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **7.25** One Foot in the Grave **8.40** The Interviews **9.40** Only Fools and Horses **4.00** Citizen Khan **6.00** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Citizen Khan **11.00** FILM: The Full Monty (1997) (15) Comedy, starring Robert Carlyle. **12.50** The Thick of It Special: The Rise of the Nutters **2.05** The Thick of It Special: Spinners and Losers **3.15** Limmy's Show **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football League Gold **7.00** Premier League 100 Club **8.00** Premier League Legends **9.00** Premier League 100 Club **10.00** Premier League Years **12.00** Football's Greatest Teams **12.30** Live Formula 1. **1.00** Live Formula 1. **1.30** Live Formula 1. **4.30** Live Formula 1. Updates and interviews from the paddock area following the Azerbaijan Grand Prix. **5.15** British and Irish Lions Tour **6.15** Football Gold **6.30** Fight Night **8.25** Premier League 100 Club **8.55** Live MLS. Portland Timbers v Seattle Sounders (kick-off 9.00pm). **11.00** Premier League Legends **12.00** Premier League 100 Club **1.00** Football's Greatest Teams **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Sporting Heroes: Johnny Nelson Interviews Tim Witherspoon **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Host of stars to light up last Cornbury fest

By Samantha McGregor

CORNBURY Festival has added new acts to its line up as the final count down to the last ever Cornbury Festival begins.

Taking place from July 7 to 9, the festival is getting set for its Fantastic Finale.

New to the line-up are Britain's Got Talent finalists The Missing People Choir who will join Bryan Adams, Kaiser Chiefs, Jools Holland and The Pretenders in a stellar line-up for this year's festival.

After seeing the Choir perform on the popular TV talent show, festival director Hugh Phillimore wanted to help the Choir raise further funds for UK charity Missing People and knew they would be the perfect addition to the Fabulous Finale.

Choir co-founders James Hawkins and Clare Cook said: "Following the incredible rollercoaster of the Missing People Choir's journey to becoming finalists on Britain's Got Talent 2017, we are thrilled to be asked to play the final Cornbury Music Festival.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for the choir to perform with a spectacular line-up of world-class artists, spread our message to a new audience, and raise funds for the charity Missing People which offers a lifeline when someone disappears."

Always ready with some surprise guests over the weekend, The Caffè Nero stage will host Leddra Chapman, Belle Roscoe, Gracie Falls and country singer Twinnie Lee Moore among others.

Whilst The Berk's Nest Comedy Emporium will be filled with the best of British, including Nish Kumar, stand-up poet Tim Key, and Edinburgh fringe-favourites Austentatious – a full-length improvised Jane Austen comedy play.

Revellers can tantalise their taste-buds in style at MasterChef finalist Matt Edwards' unique pop-up restaurant Salt & Dry, where diners can enjoy the delights of Sophie Ellis Bextor, Scouting for Girls, Right Said Fred and many more, from the comfort of their own table.

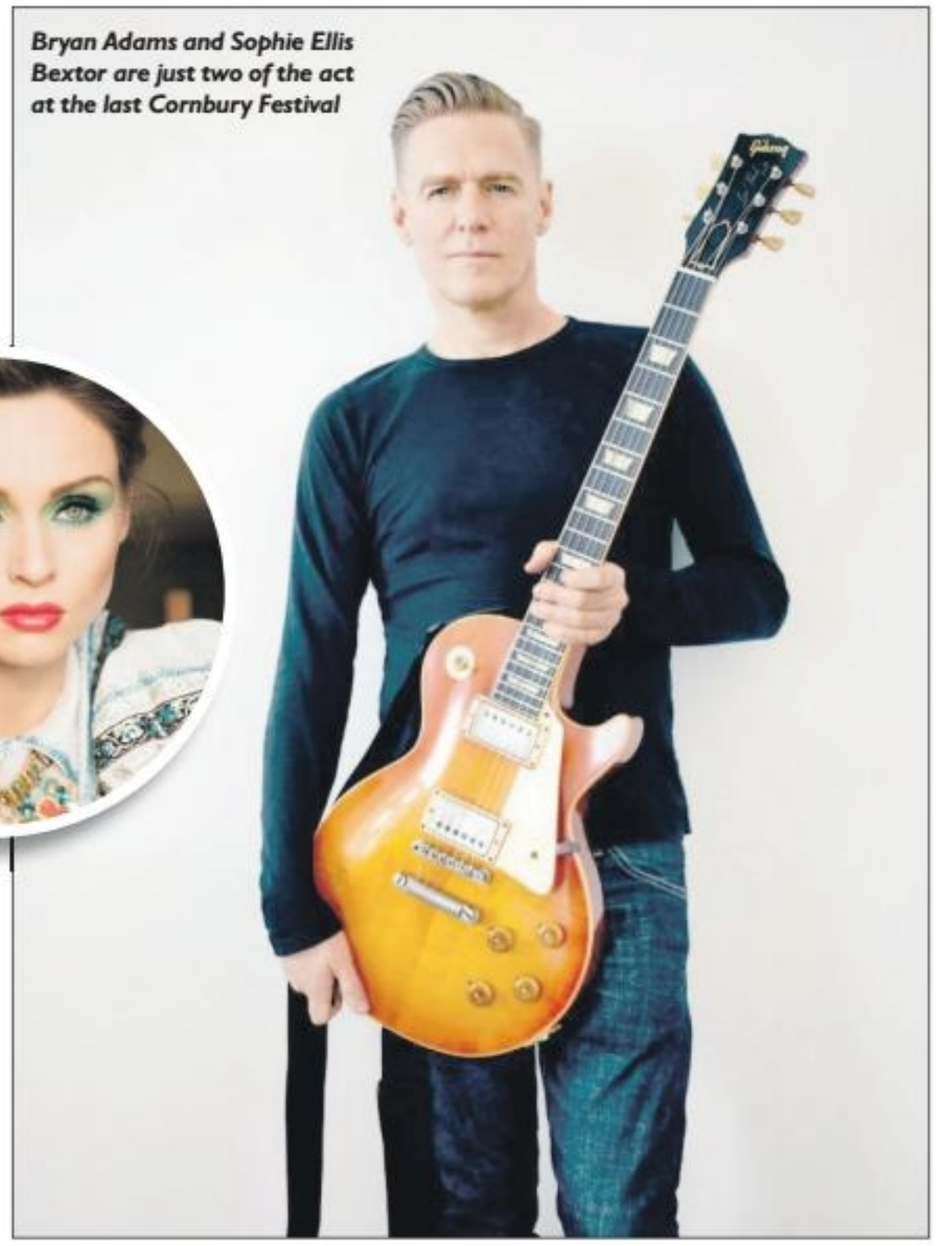
In between the great acts, don't miss the chance to experience the last remaining Mobile Cinema of just seven made in the 1960s, the therapy tent offering relaxing treats such as massage, reiki, reflexology, facials, and aromatherapy.

And finally the all-important Kids Zone – offering a host of delights for youngsters including Bollywood dancing, ukulele playing and circus skills, arts and crafts.

Hugh said: "We've had a fantastic run over the last 14 years and are very proud of the lovely event we've created.

"This year we will end on a high. I know that every artist on the line-up will deliver an exceptional live show."

For more information or tickets go to cornburymusicfestival.com.



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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

A philandering MP? Surely not

By Samantha McGregor

OLIVIER Award-winning comedy Out of Order returns to the stage in a new production.

Directed by playwright Ray Cooney, who is celebrating 70-years in the industry, it comes to Oxford's New Theatre from June 27 until July 1.

When Tory Junior Minister Richard Willey tries to spend the evening with Jane, one of the Opposition's secretaries, in the Westminster Hotel, things don't exactly go according to plan.

Starting with the discovery of a body trapped in the hotel's only unreliable sash window, he enlists the help of his hapless private secretary George Pigden.

But Willey's sticky situation goes from bad to worse, and with the arrival of Jane's distraught young husband and with the addition of an unscrupulous waiter, Mrs Willey and Nurse Foster things really come to a head!

Starring former EastEnders and Extras star Shaun Williamson as George Pigden, alongside Sue Holderness, best known for roles in Only Fools & Horses and Green Green Grass, as Mrs Willey.

Jeffrey Harmer, of Out of Order and Fox on the Fairway, plays Richard Willey, and Footballers' Wives Susie Amy is Jane Worthington.

Out of Order was first produced regionally in 1980, under the original title Whose Wife is it Anyway, with Cooney playing George Pigden.

The show was subsequently produced in the West End in 1990 starring Donald Sinden, Sandra Dickinson and Michael Williams, with Cooney directing.

Cooney said: "Having directed my Olivier Award-winning play in London and all over the world, and hearing all that wonderful raucous laughter from audiences, it has become one of my favourite plays.

"I've up-dated it to present day and, fortunately, the basic premise of a philandering MP is as likely today as it was when the play was originally written!"

David Warwick, who plays 'the body', has been involved in Out or Order since 1990, when he played the body in the tryout at Leatherhead's Thorndike Theatrethen in the West End at the Shaftesbury Theatre, and the subsequent national tour.

Tickets can be purchased from the New Theatre box office on George Street, by calling 0844 871 3020 or go to atgtickets.com/oxford

Shaun Williamson stars as George Pidgen and Sue Holderness as Pamela Willey

Playwrights of the future share work

SHORT plays written by Oxford Playhouse Young Playmakers are being staged over three evenings.

The plays will be performed at the Burton Taylor Studio by Oxford Playhouse 12-16 and 17-25 Young Companies, all inspired by the concept of 'time'.

Oxford Playhouse supports young talent through group writing sessions as well as theatre workshops, engaging young people by giving them the opportunity to learn new techniques, develop their skills and build confidence through exploration.

OP Young Playmakers have written short plays, with support from professional playwright Renata Allen, exploring the concept of time and how it affects our lives in ways imagined, very real, and forgotten.

We give ourselves time, we take time out, time ticks on, time flies, we step out of time and time runs away from us. Time heals, time waits for no man, time is wasted, time is on our side and time changes everything.

These plays, along with extracts from contemporary plays written for young actors, will be performed in different combinations from Tuesday, July 4, to Thursday, July 6.

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Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

From back yard to over here

By Samantha McGregor

INDIE pop punk band Joyce Manor have gone from playing back yard gigs to taking the stage at some prestigious UK venues.

Barry Johnson, Chase Knobbe, Matt Ebert and Jeff Enzor, who hail from the USA, will be making the trip across the pond to play a string of UK dates, among them is The Bullingdon, Oxford, on July 6.

Influenced by the likes of The Smiths, Blink 182, Guided By Voices and Replacements, Joyce Manor is also gearing up to release a new album, Cody.

It's been two months in the making, they'd camp out in the studio for two months with producer Rob Schnapf, in contrast to their last album, Never Hungover Again, which took just 10 days.

With Schnapf's help, they explored deeper arrangements, new pre-production techniques, and different ways of working both together and with someone else, says guitarist and singer Barry Johnson: "It was the first time we really used the studio to our advantage.

"I felt like I could get a better grasp on what we could do.

"We always recorded like a punk band—go in and lay 'em down. Just get good takes. And this time we tried a lot more."

Tracks include Fake ID, Eighteen, Angel In The Snow and Do You Really Want To Not Get Better?

Barry continued: "It's our first record with a real producer and also our longest record clocking in at just over 20 minutes.

"The goal is to keep progressing organically.

"Don't want to make a hard left or a U-turn just keep growing and trying to get better while still keeping our roots in the soil."

Talking to the Oxfordhshire Guardian ahead of the tour, Barry said: "(We are) very, very excited. We are big fans of the UK's people and music."

He said audiences can expect a "healthy mix of songs from all four of our albums".

For more information go to joycemanor.com

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MUSICAL: For all those Dirty Dancing fans, Didcot's Cornerstone Arts Centre is set to stage a night dedicated to the hit movie.

A Night of Dirty Dancing will be staged for one night only on September 16, at 7.30pm.

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Celebrate history

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Robots in disguise fool nobody in latest offering

Transformers: The Last Knight (12A)

By Laurie Bailey

TOWARDS the end of Michael Bay's latest machine-ridden special effects blockbuster, a group of marines struggle through chaotic explosions and gunfire, asking one another "where's the target?"; "find the target!"; "the target's changed!". Rarely have I felt such sympathy for a fictional team - I spent the entire two and a half hours of Transformers: The Last Knight wondering exactly the same thing.

Bay has returned to direct the fifth instalment of the mind-bogglingly successful Transformers franchise, and applies his standard bag of tricks: fast cuts, disorientating camera twirls, sun-bleached colour palettes, stylishly sweaty actors, puerile dialogue and the loudest explosions money can buy. And as ever, all this professional spit and polish is pure misdirection for a nonsensical plot.

In a nutshell, Merlin's mythical magic staff (yep, that Merlin, played by Stanley Tucci) turns out to be real - and also a Transformers artefact. It has the power to end or save the world, but was buried with Merlin thousands of years ago. Cade Yeager (returning star Mark Wahlberg) gets roped into tracking it down alongside mythology expert Sir Edmund Burton (Anthony Hopkins, of all people) and Vivian Wembley (Laura Haddock), a professor of history at Oxford University. It's a high-stakes race against the clock, and of course, various other groups want to beat them to it, including anti-Transformers military group TRF.

The film is narrative mulch: a bemusing, boring slog that makes you think less of everything and everyone involved. You may well cringe to see Oxford's landmarks used for such shallow blockbuster purposes - even a university polo match is shot and scored as if it's some kind of life-or-death action sequence.

Bay is well known for his commercial sensibility; his harshest critics might even call him a cynic. Everything in Transformers: The Last Knight feels calculated to appease one demographic or another, aiming only for the lowest common denominator. What grates for one segment of the audience will appeal to another, and vice versa, ad nauseam.

Yet it is precisely this approach that makes the Transformers franchise so enormously successful - the last film grossed over $1.1bn worldwide, against a production budget of $210m.

Mark Wahlberg plays Cade Yaeger in Transformers: The Last Knight, from Paramount Pictures. Photo credit: Andrew Cooper © 2017 Paramount Pictures

An extraordinary achievement for a late franchise entry. With figures like that, this could be the future of mainstream cinema in a globalised economy. Charting the the film's box office takings will be revealing - but that is really the only point of interest in this shiny cinematic mess.

Laurie is an Oxford-based film critic, movie podcast host and BBC Radio Oxford film contributor. He lives locally with his wife, daughter and son. See more of his film reviews at lauriebailey.co.uk

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Malay Tikka Strips of chicken fillet in a mild creamy sauce.		4.95
Chicken Chat Diced chicken cooked with a chat masala spice. As a Main		4.25 / 7.95
Chicken Tikka Lightly Spiced Chicken Fillet breast cooked in a clay oven		3.95
Lamb Tikka Lightly Spiced lamb fillet cooked in a clay oven		4.25
Tandoori Chicken On the bone chicken lightly spiced & cooked in a clay oven		3.95
Sheek Kebab Minced Lamb skewered & cooked in a clay oven		3.95
Chicken Pakora Chicken breast pieces, battered & fried		3.95
Lamb Samosa Savoury Pastry filled with home made mince filling		3.25

Vegetable Starters

Vegetarian Platter Onion bhaji, vegetable samosa, vegetable pakora & garlic mushrooms		4.95
Onion Bhaji Chopped onions lightly spiced and then deep fried		3.25
Vegetable Samosa Savoury pastry with mixed veg filling		3.25
Vegetable Pakora Cooked as battered dumplings		3.75
Chilli Paneer Cottage cheese marinated and fried in chilis		4.25
Aloo Chat Diced potato cooked with chat masala spice		3.75

Tandoori Dishes

Marinated in a blend of spices and yogurt then cooked in a clay pot tandoori oven. Served with a side salad & mint sauce dressing.

Chicken Tikka		7.95
Lamb Tikka		8.25
Tandoori Chicken	Half	7.95
	Full	13.95
Tandoori King Prawn		12.95
Paneer Tikka		7.95
Salmon Tikka		11.95
Tandoori Mixed Grill Chicken, lamb, tandoori chicken and sheek kebab		11.95

Tandoori Shashlick Dishes

Marinated with light spices and cooked in a tandoori with fresh peppers & onions.

Chicken Shashlick	8.95	King Prawn Shashlick	12.95
Lamb Shashlick	9.25	Paneer Shashlick	8.95

Seafood Specials

King Prawn Nawabi 12.95
Large king prawns in a rich thick sauce. Medium spicy

Salmon Special 12.95
Chef's own recipe, slightly spicy but not too hot

Seabass Delight 15.95
Served with dry vegetables and pilau Rice

Spice Levels: MEDIUM, HOT, PRETTY HOT, SUPER SPICY

Main Course Specials

Little India Special 10.95
Choice of chicken or lamb, our chefs secret recipe a blend of aromatic herbs & spices

8.95
Tender pieces of diced chicken tikka with garlic, green chillies, coriander & Coconut Cream

Lamb Shank 10.95
Rich spicy flavour, accompanied with vegetables

Garlic Chilli Chicken 8.95
Traditional South Indian dish enriched with chilli & fresh garlic

Naga 7.95
Choice of chicken or lamb a hot spicy dish in a rich sauce

Passanda 8.95
Choice of chicken or lamb, Mild & creamy sauce hint of almond & coconut with fenugreek & coriander.

Peshwari Chicken 8.95
Mild with onions & peppers very lightly spiced

Hariyal chicken 8.95
Green minty curry rich in flavour medium hot

Gill Special 10.95
Sweet & sour king prawn with a hint of honey

Railway Lamb 9.95
This unique dish is a memory from the past. It is usually found in the railway stations in India. Chunks of pepper onion,green chili tomato & cinnamon, slightly hot

Tamarind Chicken 8.95
Sweet & sour medium hot

Little India Platter 13.95
Chicken Jalfrezi, Lamb Dansak, Chicken Tikka Masala.

Murgh Masala 8.95
Shredded Chicken, minced Lamb with Egg. Medium spiced

Satkhora £8.95
Choice of Chicken or Lamb, Medium Spiced with Bangladeshi Lime.

Capsila 8.95
Chicken or Lamb, mild dish with onion, green pepper and mango

Balti Special 11.95
Medium hot. King prawns & chicken, served with Potato

Didcot Dansak 6.95
Mild/sweet & sour with a twist, created by a curry loving Didcot resident.

Traditional Dishes

Masala
Rich creamy texture, with a fruity twist

Butter Chicken
Mild butter sauce with coconut & cream

Balti
Medium hot served with Potato

Jalfrezi
Hot & spicy with green chillies, peppers & onion

Karai
With coriander, chillies and dry spice

Chicken tikka 7.95 Prawn 7.95 Lamb tikka 8.95
King Prawn 10.95 Vegetable 6.95

Curry Plain
Mild onion gravy sauce

Madras
Medium hot thick sauce

Dupiaza
Medium hot with chunky onion

Rogan
Rich in juicy fresh tomato & sauce

Sag
Freshly chopped spinach

Patia
Sweet & sour medium hot with coconut

Bhuna
Rich onion sauce, mild to medium hot

Korma
Creamy mild dish with coconut and sugar

Vindaloo
Very hot & spicy

Methi
Unmistakable aroma of fresh fenugreek medium hot

Dansak
Sweet & sour with lentils

Chicken 6.95 Prawn 6.95 Lamb 7.50
Chicken Tikka 7.95 King Prawn 9.95 Vegetable 5.95

ALLERGENS
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Vegetarian Specials

Vegetarian Combo 11.95 Vegetable Masala, Korma & Bhuna	**Paneer Jalfrezi** 8.95 Cottage cheese with Green peppers & chillis, medium hot	**Sag Chana Dansak** 6.95 Sweet and sour, Spinach, chickpeas & lentils

Biryani Dishes

Pan fried Rice with your choice of the dishes below, served with vegetable curry sauce

Chicken	8.95	Lamb Tikka	10.25	Prawn	8.95
Lamb	9.25	Mixed Biryani 11.95 Chicken, Lamb, Prawn with omelette		King Prawn	12.95
Chicken Tikka	9.95			Vegetarian	7.95

Vegetable Dishes

Side dish 3.95 Main course 6.95

Vegetable Curry vegetables of the season
Vegetable Bhaji dry vegetables
Garlic Mushrooms mushrooms in garlic
Gobi Bhaji cauliflower
Sag Bhaji spinach dry
Bhindi Bhaji okra
Bombay Potatoes spicy
Sag Aloo spinach and potato
Aloo Gobi potato and cauliflower
Sag Paneer spinach & cottage cheese
Tarka Dahl mild lentils
Masala Dahl spicy lentils
Chana Masala chickpeas
Chana Sag chick peas & spinach
Mushroom Bhaji fairly dry

Bread

Plain Naan	2.35	Kulsa Naan Mixed veg	3.50
Keema Naan mince lamb	2.95	Garlic & Keema	3.50
Peshwari Naan coconut	2.95	Parata	2.95
Garlic Naan	2.95	Chapatti	1.75
Cheese Naan	2.95	Tandoori roti	2.25
Chilli Naan	2.95	Puri fried thin bread	1.75

Rice

Steamed white Rice	2.25	Keema Rice minced lamb	3.25
Basmati Pilau Rice	2.50	Coconut Rice	3.25
Mushroom Rice	3.25	Egg Rice	3.25
Garlic Rice	3.25	Special Rice egg and veg	3.25
Onion Rice	3.25		

Sides

Chips	2.50	Korma Sauce	2.95
Chicken nuggets & chips	5.95	Madras Sauce	2.95
Raita Onion or cucumber	2.25	Mint Sauce	0.70
		Mango Chutney	0.70
Side Salad	1.95	Lime Pickle	0.70
Green Salad	2.95	Chilli Pickle	0.70
Massala Sauce	2.95	Onion Salad	0.70

Drinks

Cans coke, diet coke	0.90	Bottle of Drink 1.5Ltr coke, diet coke	2.50

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Ateca gives a lot for your money

By **Tony Yates**

IF you are looking for a great car that has everything thrown in for a decent price – then look no further than the Seat Ateca.

What Seat have done here is made the perfect car that has a minimum of 510 litres of cargo space (seats up) and 1,604 litres with rear seats folded with the added option of being a fully active compact (SUV) – which isn't a bad thing if you are looking for something that will get you and your family about in style with minimal of fuss.

Power and efficiency

The Ateca I have on test is powered by an 115PS, 1.6 TDI Ecomotive diesel engine with a 6-speed manual gearbox and a respectable top speed of around114mph. It also has no less than 250Nm of torque, plus a 0-62 time of 11.5 seconds.

Fuel consumption is also very impressive with a combined figure of 64.2 mpg.

On the road

I like the way the Ateca handles – it feels very well balanced. Also, when the road gets twisty its more than capable of holding its own.

The steering also feels light and agile – and when you hook all this up to its fantastic 6 speed gearbox – you really can't go wrong.

It's no exaggeration to say that I think the Ateca is the better car here when you compare it to its rivals such as the Hyundai Tucson, Kia Sportage, Renault Kadjar and Peugeot 3008.

Safety and technology

Inside: As with all Seats, the interior is of a good standard – but, as I have said many times, Seat is a part of VW group, so it will last for years. The seating is actually rather good even after a long journey, and the dials and switches are laid out well and are clear and precise.

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Remember my test car is one of the top models in the Ateca range, and yet it only costs £24,330. So, as far as I am concerned you get a lot for your money, plus I really do think it has something more to offer than the normal run of the mill compact SUV.

To sum up

I'm going to give the Ateca five stars in this test (which is rare for me), not only because I like it a lot but because I believe it's worth every penny.

Next time you are out looking for a new compact SUV, try looking that little bit harder, because as I have shown in this article, the Ateca is a brilliant buy.

• The Seat Ateca is a brilliant buy

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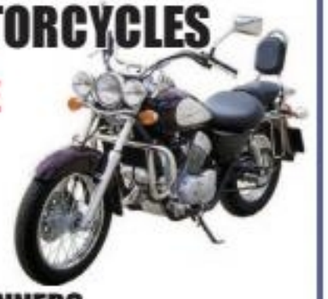

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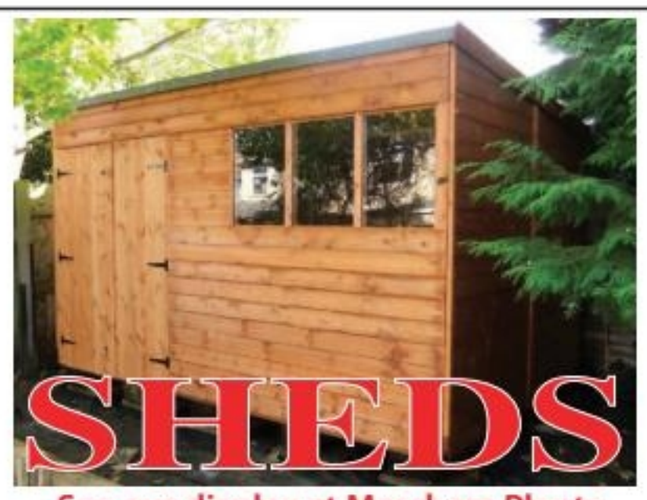

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Felipe Massa is looking to put the bad luck of Canada behind him this weekend in Azerbaijan
Picture: Williams Martini Racing

Massa looking to bounce back after Canada crash

Formula One

FELIPE Massa is hoping to put the disappointment of Canada behind him when he lines up on the grid in Azerbaijan on Sunday.

The Williams driver was an early casualty in the Montreal race last time out, after getting caught up in Carlos Sainz's crash on lap one and suffering heavy damage to his FW40.

Hopes had been high for a good result in Canada, so Massa is looking to put that right on the streets of Baku this weekend, where he managed to score a point in last year's inaugural event.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to returning to such a nice country, and to a unique race track, which is in the heart of the city.

"There's a lot of 90-degree corners and a flat out section from turn 16 all the way down the long straight to turn one, where we reach some really high speeds.

"We had a double points finish there last year, and after my early retirement in Canada I hope we can come away with another strong result and some good points."

His team-mate Lance Stroll is also feeling optimistic, having scored his first points in Formula One in Canada with a ninth place finish.

This is another track which Stroll has not raced at before, but that isn't deterring the 18-year-old as he looks to build on his best result from his home race.

Stroll said: "Going to Baku will be a totally new experience as not only have I never been there before, last year when the race was on I missed it on TV as I was competing somewhere else.

"It is yet another new experience and new country for me which is something else that I find exciting about Formula One.

"However this will be my last 'new' experience for a while as I have already raced at the next handful of tracks."

Renault target Hungary upgrade

Formula One

RENAULT are working towards a major upgrade by the end of next month as they set themselves a target of finishing fifth in this year's constructors' championship.

The Enstone-based team head to Azerbaijan this weekend off the back of four top-10 finishes in their last five races, all coming courtesy of Nico Hulkenberg.

But Renault have the Hungarian Grand Prix in mind for when they could expect to see a big improvement in performance.

Managing director Cyril Abiteboul said: "The work at both Enstone and Viry is pushing us further forward towards our target.

"Hopefully in the next couple of races, by Hungary, these efforts will be rewarded with more substantial upgrades, to support us in fighting for higher positions.

"We are making small improvements each race, which is increasingly encouraging."

Meanwhile, Banbury-based Haas managed to score points for the fifth race in Canada – the same number they achieved in the entirety of 2016.

Renault Sport's managing director Cyril Abiteboul is hopeful of improved performance in the coming races
Picture: Renault Sport Formula One Team

It is currently close between Haas and Renault in the standings with the former just three points behind, and team principal Guenther Steiner is happy with the form his team has shown so far this season.

He said: "I'm absolutely happy because you don't have to wait four or five races until you get the next points.

"We would like to score more points at each event, not just one or two points, but that will come.

"If you are consistently in the lower-ranking points, we will get to the better positions where there are more points."

Stars appoint new boss

Ice Hockey

THE head coach of Ireland's ice hockey team has been appointed to the helm of Oxford City Stars.

The experienced Kenny Redmond, who played in over 450 matches in a 20-year career, will lead the club in next season's NIHL2 South campaign.

The 49-year-old, who joined Chelmsford Chieftains days before the NIHL Conference system collapsed and left him without a position, succeeds Simon Anderson, who also stepped down due to the re-structuring.

Redmond said he was "delighted" to sign for the Stars following "what seems a long off season due to the re-structuring of the leagues".

He said his objective "is to provide an exciting and competitive team" when the new season begins in September.

He added: "The club has a great history in British ice hockey, and the current directors have worked very hard to build the club up to what it is today.

"They have a great structure in place and already have a large passionate fan base."

The Glasgow man has been charged with running the day-to-day operations of the senior side and work alongside head of hockey operations Darryl Morvan to bring through young talent.

Redmond said: "I feel with the players we have already signed and with a few more to be added, it will be an exciting season to look forward to.

"Having coached against the Stars last season I've no doubt that the backing and passion from the fans will be like having a sixth skater on the ice."

Kenny Redmond

Morvan and Redmond have worked together before in the South West Conference regional set-up.

Morvan said: "We have a lot of history, both as players and also in coaching, and I hold Kenny in the highest esteem. As soon as I took on the role of head of hockey operations, and found out Kenny might be available, I was straight on the phone to him.

"Kenny sets high standards not only for the players but also for himself.

"He's got a proven record of developing young players and I'm confident he'll get the best from the team, and I'm really pleased that we've got such an experienced coach."

Injured rider ready to race

Bradley Smith in action in Barcelona before his injury
Picture: Sebas Romero

MotoGP

A TOUGH task awaits Oxfordshire's Bradley Smith at the Dutch Grand Prix this weekend as the MotoGP rider has recently been side lined with a badly damaged little finger.

The KTM rider sustained the injury on his left hand during a practice session that caused him to miss the Spanish Grand Prix and a crucial testing session, leaving him short of race practice.

The 26-year-old said: "Since the crash on Saturday we've been checking my finger every 24 hours to see there's no infection and to see the rate of progress of the healing."

"Right now the doctors are happy day by day with how it's looking so basically we're not going to do any skin graft or further operations yet, which is fantastic.

"They expect not a full recovery of the wound short term, but it should be ready to race at Assen.

"Now it's just a case of continuing to do as much as possible to speed up the recovery with creams and cleanliness so hopefully we'll be ready to be back to around 90 per cent for Assen."

The Cathedral of Grand Prix Motorcycle racing is a happy hunting ground for the Forest Hill rider. He has previously stood on the podium in Moto2 and 125cc classes at the legendary circuit in the Netherlands.

Blues draw a blank

Rugby League

IT was a day to forget for Oxford RL who suffered their heaviest defeat for almost a year and failed to score in a game for the second time in their history on Sunday.

The Blues are yet to beat Newcastle Thunder since their formation in 2014 and were dismantled 52-0 in the scorching sun at Tilsley Park.

Newcastle full back Lewis Young scored a hat-trick, including the first two tries (on seven and 14 minutes) of the match, as Thunder scored four tries either side of half-time.

Further tries from Derrell Olpherts (25) and Benn Hardcastle (35) and goals from the prolific Hardcastle helped rack up half the score by half time as the team from the north east commanded a 26-0 lead at the buzzer.

Young, who also stopped Oxford's best chance to score, completed his hat-trick six minutes from time after catching a cross-field kick.

Hardcastle was on kicking duty for the visitors, scoring all of his 10 attempts, and pitched in with his second try on the hour mark.

Other Newcastle tries came from Aaron Teroi (46) and Stephen Snitch (52). Ball boys and girls from Radley C of E Primary School were on duty on the stand side of the ground. Midway through the half there was a loud cheer when, for the first time, one of them got to field a kick.

There were some encouraging hit-ups from Harvey Burnett, Jordan Siddons and Lewis Bienek but, overall, this was probably a day to forget.

The thrashing extended the Blues' losing run to three matches.

They are 12th in Kingstone Press League 1 and travel to mid-table Gloucestershire All Golds on Sunday.

New faces in at Kidlington as McCalmon strengthens squad

Manager Julian McCalmon signs up Ben Brown, left, and Eddie Odhiambo

Football

BOSS Julian McCalmon has been busy strengthening his Kidlington squad ahead of next season by signing players with higher league experience.

Midfielder Declan Benjamin, defender Ben Brown and the right-sided Eddie Odhiambo will all add experience as the Greens prepare for renamed Southern League Division One South West.

The trio committed to the club at the same time eight others signed on the dotted line at Yarnton Road.

Combative midfielder Benjamin, who started out at Oxford United, joins after spending last season at fellow Oxfordshire sides Banbury Town, Didcot Town and Ardley United and has experience of the National League with Oxford City.

Another man with National League experience is Eddie Odhiambo, who can play either right back or midfield and joins up with his brothers Anaclet and Eric at Kiddy.

Defender Ben Brown, who once earned himself a three-year professional deal at Queens Park Rangers, has also signed on for the coming season after leaving Cirencester Town.

He has also played for Oxford City and North Leigh.

Eight Kidlington players from last season have extended their deals as Tommy Franklin, Tommy Castle, Jack Quainton, Sam Warrell, Callum Harvey, Anaclet Odhiambo, Mark Janes and Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts have all signed back on for the club.

The Greens were deducted three points from last season's tally by the Southern League for fielding a suspended player in November. It means they dropped a place to 12th in Division One Central, rather than 11th place.

Trio do Oxfordshire basketball proud

Basketball

THE coach of an Oxfordshire's basketball youth team believes the future of the county's players is bright after supporting his son and two others at a regional tournament.

The three Oxford players – 10-year-olds Ahrya Goins and Luther King (LK) Mahalingham and 11-year-old Olivia Warburton – represented South England Under-11s in the 2017 National Basketball Tournament in Sheffield.

The South England girls' team finished second out of nine regional teams while the boys' team found the competition tougher and finished in sixth place.

Shiv Mahalingham, Oxfordshire Under-11s team coach and LK's dad, attended the tournament on June 11 to support his son and said: "It was a great achievement for all three players to reach this level so early in their basketball development.

"The tournament was intense and the standard extremely high.

"All three equipped themselves very well and the future for Oxfordshire basketball is looking bright."

Ahrya Collins, Luther King (LK) Mahalingham and Olivia Warburton

The girls' achievement was particularly impressive given the tournament was contested by the 100 most talented girls across England.

While the boys found their competition more difficult, LK was a shining light with eight points and three defensive rebounds per game to his name.

Ahrya and Olivia are members of the Oxford Hoops Basketball Club and LK plays at Abingdon Eagles Basketball Club.

■ After two arduous trials two young Eagles players have been picked for Southern England's Under-15 squad.

Abingdon Eagles Basketball Club duo Dillon Bose and Akira Harry, both 14, will join a 20-strong squad for intensive training over the next few weeks in the run up to September's national tournament in Manchester.

The pair were up against some of the best players in the south of England at two trial days at the John Madejski Academy in Reading on May 20 and on Saturday.

Head coach Steve Claringbould said: "It is a real testament to their hard work and commitment both in games and training, It is fully deserved."

Dillon Bose, left, and Akira Harry

Adey takes hot seat at Ardley

Football

THERE may be a new man in the hot seat at Ardley United but the Supplementary Cup winners will play a league lower next year after having a request to drop a division accepted.

United will play in the Hellenic League Division One West next season after league organisers accepted the club's resignation from the premier division.

The change in division follows the departure of retiring chairman Norman Stacey and manager Paul Davis, who left the club for "personal reasons".

After leaving Oxford City Nomads, Craig Adey is the new man in charge at the Playing Fields and will be assisted by Daniel Leggit.

New chairman Ian Feaver said he was "excited" to have the pair on board.

The voluntary demotion brings an end to Ardley's 13-year stay in the top Hellenic division following an impressive fifth-placed finish under Davis' last campaign.

The lucky Burnham FC, who were preparing for life in One East, have been re-instated and will take the vacant place in the Premier Division.

Ardley's tenants Bicester Town will stay in One East, meaning they are kept apart from United.

Elsewhere, there was concern surrounding the continuance of Henley Town in One East after manager Jon Laugharne and his assistant Darren Purbrick resigned after only 31 days in charge. Following an AGM, issues have been resolved and they will continue in One East.

More changes could be made to the constitution of the Hellenic divisions with the organisers to meet for an AGM on July 2.

In-form Gibbins helps Bicester to rediscover their winning ways

Cricket

BICESTER and North Oxford CC (BNOCC) returned to winning ways with a five-wicket home victory over Great Brickhill, thanks to 92 not out from in the in-form Alister Gibbins.

In their limited overs league game, Great Brickhill won the toss and chose to bat but quickly found themselves in trouble with the fiery bowler Andy Godbold (3-34), impressing with the ball.

An innings of 82 not out from Drew Burrows was the most resistance the visitors could muster as they finished on 190-9 from their 50 overs.

There were two wickets apiece for Dan Savin, Danny Clark and Chris de Kock, who ably backed-up Godbold.

In reply, Bicester found themselves in a little trouble at 60-3 but any worries were quickly banished by Gibbins and Olly Ward.

The pair guided BNOCC to the brink of victory but Ward was dismissed just short of the line.

It was left to Savin and Gibbins to knock off the winning runs with Gibbins selflessly foregoing his century at the expense of helping his side seal victory and with it, the 25 points.

Bicester's second and third XIs also put in strong performances but both were held to draws by Horspath and Dinton respectively.

Runs for Warwick Bradfield (86 not out), Ben Clark (73 not out) and Adam Gould (60) got the seconds to a competitive 272-4 from 45 overs.

Trevor Price (3-10) and Liam Randall (3-20), meant Horspath were never in the hunt but they held on for the draw, finishing on 117-6.

For the thirds, opening batsmen Mark Adams (127) and Stevyn Jackson (53) helped them to 292-5 from 45 overs but Dinton batted out the game, ending on 145-7.

U's news: Eales and Shakespeare on Appleton move, signings and fixtures

Time short to find new boss

By George Welch

CHAIRMAN Darryl Eales has admitted Michael Appleton's departure to the Premier League has "hampered" the club in the short term – but he is confident the club can attract a high-profile successor.

Eales, who appointed Appleton the day he took over the club in 2014, is now faced with the headache of recruiting a new boss less than two weeks before the players report back for pre-season training.

In a statement he said: "We are all disappointed to see Michael go, but I fully understand that the chance to work in the Premier League was an opportunity he felt he couldn't turn down.

"I'd like to thank him for all his efforts at Oxford United over these past three years and he leaves with my best wishes for his future.

"I brought Michael in as manager the day I took over the club and I believe it is our partnership and friendship that has provided the stable foundation from which the club has progressed in the past three seasons.

"One promotion and two visits to Wembley tell their own story of the success we have achieved, and I am sure everyone at the club wishes him well at Leicester."

To launch a recruitment campaign just 16 days before United's first pre-season match is far from ideal – but that is the task that faces Oxford's chief.

Eales said: "Our priority now is to appoint a new manager who will continue our excellent progression and will build on our strong platform which will lead us towards our promotion to the Championship.

"We have stability across an excellent coaching and recruitment team, we have an outstanding squad of young players, and, contrary to rumours, we have funds available to strengthen the squad.

"The timing is not exactly perfect, as it does hamper our recruitment plans in the short term but, once the new manager is appointed, we will move quickly to strengthen the squad even further."

He added: "Oxford United is seen throughout the game as an attractive, progressive club, and I am sure we will attract a high-quality candidate who will develop our positive playing philosophy and focus on the development of young players.

Michael Appleton with Darryl Eales

"The board would like to thank fans for their patience and understanding and for the countless messages of support.

"The future remains bright as we continue to build on the progress since 2014 and we should all look forward to an exciting and successful 2017/18 campaign."

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Sat Mar 31	Scunthorpe United	H
Mon Apr 2	Shrewsbury Town	A
Sat Apr 7	Oldham Athletic	H
Sat Apr 14	Southend United	H
Sat Apr 21	Doncaster Rovers	A
Sat Apr 28	Rochdale	H
Sat May 5	Blackburn Rovers	A

Shakespeare: Appleton 'perfect choice' for Leicester

LEICESTER boss Craig Shakespeare believes he has made the perfect choice by installing Michael Appleton as his right-hand man.

The Foxes boss was confirmed as the Premier League side's permanent manager on a three-year deal earlier this month and is putting together his management team.

Shakespeare, who sealed Leicester's top-flight status as temporary manager, said: "I am delighted that the club have been able to bring a coach of Michael's standing to Leicester City.

"Michael and I worked together at West Bromwich Albion and it quickly became clear that he possessed all the qualities and the integrity required to enjoy a successful coaching career.

"During his transition from a player to a coach, before later becoming a manager, Michael has already achieved great success in the game.

"I am sure that he will be a huge asset to Leicester City as we strive to achieve our objectives over the coming seasons."

The duo worked together within West Bromwich Albion's backroom team between 2003 and 2008.

Appleton's progress hasn't gone unnoticed by Shakespeare, who said: "Over the course of his three years at Oxford United, he has been acknowledged by many as one of the most talented and knowledgeable coaches in English football.

"That expertise, as well as his excellent coaching acumen, made him the perfect choice as assistant manager."

Shakespeare, who took temporary charge at the King Power Stadium in February following Claudio Ranieri's sacking, is looking to former City defender Chris Powell to be his first-team coach.

Towering defender excited to be joining U's from Celtic

TOWERING centre back Fiacre Kelleher has joined Oxford United from Scottish champions Celtic for an undisclosed fee.

The 21-year-old, who last season was relegated on loan at Scottish League One side Peterhead, has joined United on a two-year deal, with a further one-year option.

Standing at 6ft 5in, the imposing defender from Cork has previously been on stand-by for the Republic of Ireland squad, although he never made an appearance for Celtic.

He said: "I'm really pleased to be joining.

"It's a fantastic club and they have done really well over the last few years. At this stage in my career I want to test myself, be part of the first team and play regularly.

"Now I'm looking forward to joining up with the lads in pre-season."

Kelleher played for Avondale in Ireland before Celtic scouted him and his arrival at the Kassam comes less than three weeks after defender Chey Dunkley left for Wigan.

Although he failed to make a first-team appearance for the Hoops, Kelleher made 25 starts on loan at Peterhead in the second half of last season.

Chairman Darryl Eales said: "Fiacre is one of the players we had talked about at length and one that Michael [Appleton] and the recruitment team had identified as an excellent defender with bags of potential.

"With Curtis Nelson, Charlie Raglan and Aaron Martin already here we are going to have plenty of competition for the defensive positions.

"It is a deal that had been in the pipeline for a few weeks and we are delighted to welcome Fiacre to the club."

Speaking before Appleton's departure to Leicester City, Eales said: "We are very aware of the speculation regarding the managerial situation but we never lose sight of our overall plan which remains to build a strong and successful team for the coming season.

"Work goes on behind the scenes in all departments as ever, and our scouting and recruitment staff continue to excel in bringing exciting young players with fantastic attitudes to Oxford United."

Reports have also emerged that the U's have had a bid for Forest Green Rovers striker Christian Doidge turned down. Rovers' weathly owner is understood to be reluctant to sell the 24-year-old, who scored 27 goals last season.

Fiacre Kelleher joined Oxford on a two-year deal

Human error blamed as live Carabao Cup draw broadcast descends into farce

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Social media users quickly poked fun at the mishap

THE draw for the first round of the League Cup descended into chaos as Charlton Athletic were drawn twice and Oxford United weren't drawn at all.

The broadcast for the newly named Carabao Cup took place on Friday in Bangkok to celebrate the cup's new four-year sponsorship deal with the Thai energy drink.

But the livestream for the draw on club websites and on Facebook turned into a farce amid sound issues and a rebellious feed.

Charlton were drawn away to Exeter City but were also shown as being at home to Cheltenham Town, who in fact take on the U's.

The same graphic stated AFC Wimbledon and Swindon Town were to play each other, an impossibility given both sides were unseeded.

After clarification it was confirmed that Oxford would host League Two Cheltenham Town.

The EFL, the football league's governing body, apologised, saying the draw itself had been carried out correctly and that inaccuracies were the "result of human error" and "third-party technical issues".

It added that it had launched an investigation to look into problems faced by fans attempting to access the stream on certain external platforms.

United caused an upset by beating Championship side Birmingham City in the first round last year before losing to Premier League-bound Brighton the following round.

The first round tie will take place the week commencing August 7 and the club will release ticket details as soon as they are known.

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From Ox to Fox for departing Appleton

By George Welch

OXFORD United are on the hunt for a new boss after the club confirmed Michael Appleton's move to Leicester City as assistant manager.

After several days of discussions between the clubs, United's head coach made the switch to the 2015/16 Premier League champions to be Craig Shakespeare's right-hand man.

Appleton, who guided Oxford to SkyBet League One and two Wembley finals in the Football League Trophy in his three years at the club, has signed a three-year deal at the King Power Stadium.

The former Portsmouth, Blackpool and Blackburn manager is a close friend of Shakespeare, who was confirmed as Leicester's permanent boss earlier this month.

The pair worked closely together as part of West Bromwich Albion's coaching team and have since remained friends.

Confirming his new role, 41-year-old Appleton, said: "I have been very happy at Oxford. The opportunity to move to a Premier League club was something I felt that I couldn't turn down, which I hope fans will appreciate.

"I wish everyone at Oxford the best of luck for the future, and I feel sure that the foundations are there for the club to achieve more success in the coming years."

Appleton, who stressed the move had nothing to do with speculation regarding playing budget or club ownership, thanked chairman Darryl Eales for the support he had given.

He said: "I would like to place on record my appreciation for all the support I have had from the board, staff, players and fans of Oxford United during my three years here.

"In particular, I'd like to pay tribute to Darryl, who has been unfailingly supportive to me, making the funds available to build a team which won promotion and went to Wembley twice."

He will join the Foxes squad when they meet up for pre-season training ahead of the Premier League Asia Trophy in Hong Kong later this summer.

Speculation over Appleton's future, which emerged last week, shocked the U's, who were eyeing a promotion challenge this coming season.

Appleton, who last season steered United to their highest league position since 1999, told his Oxford players over the weekend that he would join Shakespeare's managerial team.

It was the pair's friendship that set-up last summer's pre-season friendly between the U's and the then-Premier League champions.

Appleton's successor has a tough act to follow and the U's are now looking for a new manager less than three weeks before the first match of pre-season.

Eddie tees up top-20 finish at US Open

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell brushed aside dozens of the sport's best players to comfortably record his best finish in a major championship.

The Frilford Heath member secured a top-20 finish at the US Open, the second of four major championships, with a score of five-under par.

The 26-year-old hit par or better in all four rounds to finish the tournament at Erin Hills as the second highest ranked Brit in tied 16th place.

Pepperell, whose previous record at a major was 49th at the 2015 Open, made a solid start in Wisconsin to card par and one-under for the opening two rounds and to make the cut in 33rd place.

At this stage he had bettered some of golf's heavyweights, including world numbers one, two and three Dustin Johnson Rory McIlroy and Jason Day, who all missed the cut.

Things got even better for Pepperell, who has experienced a welcome and much-needed upturn in his form recently, on day three.

A round consisting of five birdies helped him to an impressive three-under 69 to position himself on four-under and in the top-20 going into the final day.

Looking more comfortable from the tee Pepperell started his final day alongside his 'hero' Sergio Garcia with similar gusto by birdieing the first.

He birdied again on the sixth but successive bogeys on the eighth, ninth and 10th meant he stumbled back to three-under.

But he got back on track with two more birdies on the 13th and 15th before he carded pars on the final three holes to comfortably cement his top-20 finish.

Pepperell leapt 112 places in the world rankings to 337 and will tee off at the BMW International Open in Munich today.

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